



Maryland State Police  
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**ADVISORY**  
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**MARYLAND LICENSED FIREARM'S DEALERS – High Capacity Magazine Conversion and Shell Casing Submissions**

As a result of our recent Statewide 2013 Firearm's Safety Act Seminars, the Maryland State Police Licensing Division has received inquiries regarding the conversion of high capacity magazines, as well as the submission of shell casings when not shipped by the manufacturer.

**Can an FFL receive into the State a magazine with a capacity of more than 20 rounds, or more than 10 rounds on and after October 1, 2013?**

Yes, an FFL MD Regulated Firearm's Dealer may receive into the State a magazine with a capacity of more than 20 rounds, or more than 10 rounds on and after October 1, 2013. However, these magazines may not be sold to a non-exempt Maryland resident in Maryland.

**Can an FFL dispose of a magazine with a capacity of more than 20 rounds, or more than 10 rounds on and after October 1, 2013 to an out-of-state individual?**

Yes, an FFL/MD Regulated Firearm's Dealer may sell and/or offer for sale a magazine with a capacity of more than 20 rounds, or more than 10 rounds on and after October 1, 2013 to an out-of-state individual as long as the sale takes place outside of Maryland.

**Can an FFL, or an FFL licensed as a Manufacturer, take an existing detachable magazine with the capacity greater than 20 rounds or greater than 10 rounds on and after October 1, 2013 and modify it to comply with the law?**

Yes, a Maryland licensed dealer and/or a Maryland licensed dealer, licensed as a Manufacturer, may modify a detachable magazine, as long as once modified, the magazine is not capable of being readily converted back to its original capacity. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (B.A.T.F.E.) has explained that since 2005, they no longer regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices. Therefore, a dealer/manufacturer can "pin"/"block"/"plug" magazines as this is not considered by B.A.T.F.E. as a firearm.

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**Can an FFL, licensed by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (B.A.T.F.E.) as a Manufacturer, supply a shell casing for firearms approved by the Handgun Roster Board that enter the State without a shell casing?**

Yes, MD Regulated Firearm's Dealers may have a Manufacturer, licensed by the B.A.T.F.E., supply the shell casing for firearms approved by the Handgun Roster Board anytime the firearm enters the State without a shell casing. The manufacturer should complete the required information on the form prior to submitting the casing to the Maryland State Police Forensic Sciences Division, as described below:

**Date Handgun Manufactured:** The MD Dealer selling the firearm shall complete this section of the 77R by inserting the date the firearm was fired by the B.A.T.F.E. licensed manufacturer who collected the shell casing.

**Was a shell casing included in the box with the handgun?** The MD Dealer selling the firearm shall complete this section of the 77R, circling **YES**.

**Name of Manufacturer:** The MD Dealer selling the firearm shall complete this section of the 77R by inserting the name of the B.A.T.F.E. licensed manufacturer who fired the firearm and collected the shell casing.

**FFL#:** The MD Dealer selling the firearm shall complete this section of the 77R by inserting the Federal Firearm's License number, of the B.A.T.F.E. licensed manufacturer, who fired the firearm and collected the shell casing.