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INFORMATION ON .22 CALIBER RIM FIRE “ASSAULT WEAPONS”

The purpose of this Advisory is to disseminate information pertaining to .22 caliber rim fire semiautomatic rifles that are reproductions or imitations of an assault weapon.

In recent years, manufactures began producing reproductions or imitations of various assault weapons, as defined in Public Safety Title 5, subtitle 1, section 101(P)(2) in .22 caliber rim fire. A firearm that is cosmetically similar, alone, does not make it a “copy” of an assault weapon.

Therefore, the Maryland Department of State Police, Licensing Division, Firearms Registration Unit, does not require an individual to complete an Application to Purchase a Regulated Firearm (MSP 77R-E) for a semiautomatic .22 caliber rim fire rifle that is only cosmetically similar to an assault weapon. The individual will have to complete and comply with any Federal Regulations regarding the purchase of firearms.

The information contained herein regarding these reproductions or imitations of assault weapons in .22 caliber rim fire will help your business comply with the various State and Federal law. If you have any questions regarding this Advisory, please contact the Licensing Division, Firearms Registration Unit at 410-653-4500.

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