



MARYLAND STATE POLICE

**Maryland Department of State Police / Licensing Division
1111 Reisterstown Road
Pikesville, Maryland
Office: (410) 653.4500 / Fax: (410) 653.4036**

ADVISORY

LD-FRU-16-001

December 16, 2016

Firearms Safety Act Compliance

It has come to the attention of the Maryland State Police, Licensing Division, through a criminal investigation, that a licensee sold an assault long gun to a Maryland resident. The assault long gun also met the definition of a copycat weapon. As a result, the Maryland State Police, Firearms Registration Unit, is providing this Advisory to assist Federal Firearms Licensees and Regulated Firearms Dealers to ensure compliance with the Firearms Safety Act of 2013.

The Maryland State Police has made available to the public its listing of banned firearms, copycat weapons and those firearms that have been reviewed by the Department. To view the list and to obtain more information regarding the list, please visit us at <http://mdsp.maryland.gov>, click on Licensing Division, and click Firearm Search.

The Maryland State Police Firearms Registration Unit will not require an individual to complete an Application to Purchase a Regulated Firearm (77R) for a reproduction or imitation of a firearm that is only cosmetically similar to a specifically enumerated assault weapon, as defined in Public Safety Article, § 5-101(r)(2). The individual will have to comply with all Federal Regulations regarding the purchase of firearms.

An individual will be required to comply with Maryland's Regulations for a firearm that is:

- 1) a reproduction or imitation of a firearm that is cosmetically similar to a specifically enumerated assault weapon, as defined in Public Safety Article, § 5-101(r)(2) and;
- 2) has completely interchangeable internal components necessary for the full operation and function of any one of the specifically enumerated assault weapons, as defined in Public Safety Article, § 5-101(r)(2).

Alert Bulletins are the are a service of the Maryland State Police. The content of this document is for OFFICIAL USE ONLY. Any request for disclosure of this document or the information contained herein should be referred to either the originator of the bulletin, or the Maryland State Police, Licensing Division, 410.653.4500.



MARYLAND STATE POLICE

Maryland Criminal Law Article

§ 4-301(e) Copycat weapon. -- (1) "Copycat weapon" means: (i) a semiautomatic centerfire rifle that can accept a detachable magazine and has any two of the following: 1. a folding stock; 2. a grenade launcher or flare launcher; or 3. a flash suppressor; (ii) a semiautomatic centerfire rifle that has a fixed magazine with the capacity to accept more than ten rounds; (iii) a semiautomatic centerfire rifle that has an overall length of less than 29 inches; (iv) a semiautomatic pistol with a fixed magazine that can accept more than ten rounds; (v) a semiautomatic shotgun that has a folding stock; or (vi) a shotgun with a revolving cylinder.

If you have any questions regarding this Advisory, please contact the Licensing Division at 410-653-4500.

Alert Bulletins are the are a service of the Maryland State Police. The content of this document is for OFFICIAL USE ONLY. Any request for disclosure of this document or the information contained herein should be referred to either the originator of the bulletin, or the Maryland State Police, Licensing Division, 410.653.4500.