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Dear Machine Gun Owner,

In furtherance of our commitment to better service both the public and private sectors of Maryland, the Maryland State Police Licensing Division is happy to announce its latest automation accomplishment.

As you are aware, Maryland's Criminal Law Article, § 4-403, requires that any person who acquires a machine gun to register the machine gun with the Secretary of State Police within 24 hours after acquiring the machine gun. The law also requires the machine gun registration be renewed in each succeeding year following the initial registration, during the month of May. Until today, this registration and renewal process was accomplished manually, in writing, on paper, and delivered by U.S. mail.

Beginning February 15, 2015, the Maryland State Police, using the same technology that provides Maryland's residents with their Handgun Qualification License, will furnish the application necessary for machine gun initial and renewal registration on-line. The \$10 registration fee will also be collected on-line during the submission process. Paper applications will no longer be furnished by the Department, nor will they be accepted.

Every machine gun owner, new or renewal, will be required to create an account and submit an "initial" application. On this initial application, all machine guns, new or renewal, must be registered at the same time. Thereafter, all new acquisitions should be added to your account by completing an "initial" application within 24 hours after the acquisition. Renewals will simply require you to log onto your account, confirm that your personal and weapon information is accurate, and pay the \$10 fee. Once your machine guns have been registered in the automated system, annual renewals will be very simple.

Maryland's machine gun owners may access the automated application process by visiting our website at www.mdsp.org, clicking on "Licensing Division," then selecting either the photo labeled "Registration" or "Licensing and Registration" label listed on the left navigation pane. Registration data provided to the Maryland State Police in compliance with this law is not open to public inspection.

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The Maryland State Police continues to champion technology-driven security integration to improve public safety in Maryland. To that end, the Department appreciates your support and patience as we strive to achieve our public safety mission through smart integration of technological solutions.

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