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ADVISORY

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BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS & 8TH DAY RELEASE OF FIREARMS (AMENDED)

At about 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday June 24, 2020, the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services was able to restore their database systems to a fully operational status. The Maryland Department of State Police Licensing Division (MDSPLD) staff immediately began to address the backlog of regulated firearm purchase applications. Employees worked throughout the night and will continue to work around-the-clock to conduct full background investigations on all applicants. The process to complete all applications on file is expected to take several days, even with the around-the-clock schedule.

Therefore, we ask for your continued patience and encourage all Regulated Firearms Dealers (RFD) not to transfer firearms until background checks have been completed. Should the RFD elect to exercise their statutory option to release a regulated firearm on the eighth day, we ask that the procedure listed below be followed:

1. The RFD will access their Licensing Portal;
2. locate the application to be released within the "SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS" section;
3. print a copy of the application;
4. verify that all information in "Section 4" is accurate;
5. both the RFD and the applicant will sign and complete "Section 6;"
6. scan and send the completed copy of the 77R to msp.firearmsregistration@maryland.gov.

For further information, please visit our website at www.mdsp.maryland.gov, and click on "Licensing Division." Should you have any further questions, please contact the Firearms Registration Unit, via the Livehelp feature, from within your Licensing Portal or via email at msp.firearmsregistration@maryland.gov.

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The Maryland State Police Licensing Division staff is grateful for the understanding and patience exhibited by firearms dealers and citizens during this time. Please know we are working diligently to address the situation and minimize the inconvenience to you.

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