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LICENSING PORTAL APPLICATION COMPLETION/FIREARM TRANSFERS

It has come to the attention of the Maryland State Police Licensing Division that Maryland Regulated Firearms Dealers (dealers) may be transferring regulated firearms prior to completing the online Application and Affidavit to Purchase a Regulated Firearm (77R) completion/firearm transfer procedure within the online Licensing Portal (Portal). Dealers following this practice are hereby notified to cease and desist this practice. The 77R completion/firearm transfer procedure must be completed in the Portal prior to the ATF 4473 being signed and the firearm being physically transferred to the applicant.

The 77R within the Portal is designed and assures that the transfer of a regulated firearm conforms to all statutes and regulations. The practice of completing the 77R completion/firearm transfer within the Portal after the firearm has been transferred to the applicant defeats the safeguards instilled in the Portal, potentially opening the dealer to facilitating an illegal transfer or transferring a firearm to a prohibited person. Continuing to follow this practice may lead to the suspension or revocation of the dealer's Maryland Regulated Dealers License.

Dealers are urged to review the 77R completion/transfer procedure available on the MDSP Licensing Division website ([Licensing Division](#)) or by clicking the following direct link to the 77R completion/transfer procedure (http://mdsp.maryland.gov/Organization/Licensing_Division/Documents/Portal_Firearm_Transfer_Procedure.pdf).

Should you have any questions, please contact the Firearms Registration Unit via the Livehelp feature from within your Licensing Portal or you may contact us during regular business hours at 410-653-4500.

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