



Maryland State Police Licensing Division **Bulletin** **LD-FRU-15-004**



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The 2015 Maryland General Assembly – Summary of Passed Legislation

The 2015 Maryland General Assembly session began on January 14, 2015 and concluded on April 13, 2015. In an effort to keep our dealers informed of legislative changes, this Bulletin details those changes in law the Firearms Registration Unit believes impacts Maryland's licensed firearms dealers. As a reminder, a description of all Maryland's legislation, passed and failed, may be found on the Maryland General Assembly's website at mgaleg.maryland.gov.

SB0736 – Public Safety – Handgun Identification Requirements – Repeal – This Bill repeals the requirement for (1) handgun manufacturers to provide to handgun dealers shell casings of projectiles discharged from handguns and other specified additional information; (2) handgun dealers to forward shell casings and other specified information to the Department of State Police (DSP) Crime Laboratory; and (3) DSP to enter specified information in a relevant database.

The Bill also authorizes DSP to properly and lawfully dispose of any shell casings that are currently being held in storage because they were received from a dealer under the current law requirement that is repealed by the Bill. The Bill also expresses the intent of the General Assembly that the DSP positions that were associated with the duties under the current law requirement not be eliminated as a result of the repeal. The Bill will take effect October 1, 2015. Regulated firearms dealers are required to submit shell casings to the Maryland State Police Crime Lab through September 30, 2015.

HB0614 – Department of State Police – Handgun Roster Board – Definition of Handgun – This Bill eliminates a short-barreled rifle (SBR) or short-barreled shotgun (SBS) from the definition of "handgun" with respect to the purview of the Handgun Roster Board. The Bill takes effect October 1, 2015.

After October 1, 2015, dealers will no longer be required to submit SBR/SBS to the Handgun Roster Board for review and inclusion on the Handgun Roster, as previously required in [Advisory LD-FRS-14-002](#). Public Safety Title 5-101 (n) handgun means a firearm with a barrel less than 16 inches in length. Dealers are reminded that a Maryland State Police Application and Affidavit to Purchase a Regulated Firearm (77R) is, and will remain, required for SBR's/SBS's with a barrel under 16" in length. Semi-automatic SBR's with (1) an overall length of less than 29" and/or (2) any two of the following: (1) a folding stock; (2) a grenade launcher or flare launcher; or (3) a flash suppressor is a "copycat weapon" under provisions of the Firearm Safety Act of 2013 and is not eligible for sale to the general public unless the purchaser had a purchase order for, or a completed application to purchase, the firearm prior to October 1, 2013.

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Please remember, overall length is measured between the extreme ends of the rifle along a line parallel to the center line of the bore. An attachment to the barrel, such as a muzzle brake or flash suppressor, should not be included in the measurement, unless it is permanently affixed.

If you have any questions, please contact the Firearms Registration Unit at 410-653-4621.