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## ADVISORY

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### Untraceable Firearms (Senate Bill 387)

Senate Bill 387 will become effective on June 1, 2022. This addition to Title 5 of the Public Safety Article, will bring changes to the definition of a firearm and serialization requirements for firearms and unfinished frames and receivers, commonly referred to as 80% lowers or build kits.

The following does not apply to firearms manufactured before October 22, 1968, antique firearms, sales, transfers, delivery to, or possession of firearms or unfinished frames or receivers by a federally licensed dealer, manufacturer or importer, or the transfer or surrender of a firearm or unfinished frame or receiver to law enforcement.

“Unfinished Frame or Receiver” has been added to the definition of “Firearm” in PS 5-101, and is defined as “a forged, cast, printed, extruded, or machined body or similar article that has reached a stage in manufacture where it may readily be completed, assembled, or converted to be used as the frame or receiver of a functional firearm”.

**Beginning June 1, 2022, a person may not purchase, receive, sell, offer to sell, or transfer an unfinished frame or receiver** until federal law requires the serialization of unfinished frames or receivers by a federally licensed manufacturer or importer in compliance with all federal laws and regulations applicable to the manufacture and import of firearms. Additionally, **all firearms must be imprinted with a serial number or personal identification number (as described below) before a person can sell, offer to sell or transfer a firearm.**

**Beginning March 1, 2023, a person may not possess a firearm unless:**

1. the firearm is required by federal law to be, and has been imprinted by an FFL authorized to provide marking services with a serial number in compliance with all federal laws and regulations applicable to the manufacture and import of firearms, or
2. the firearm has been imprinted by an FFL authorized to provide marking services with the postal zip code and initials of the current owner or person that made, completed, or initially assembled the firearm, followed by a number that has not been used by the current owner or person that made, completed, or initially assembled the firearm on any other firearm that this person made, completed,

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or initially assembled. Firearms being marked in this manner **are required to be registered** with the Maryland State Police via the Licensing Portal. (Example: 21208MSP01)

Persons who currently possess non-serialized firearms, including unfinished frames or receivers, will be required to comply with section 2 above by March 1, 2023 in order to continue to possess those firearms legally.

Persons who receive non-serialized firearms, including unfinished frames or receivers, through inheritance, **after June 1, 2022**, will be required to comply with section 2 above by the 30<sup>th</sup> day after inheriting the firearm. Persons who receive non-serialized firearms, including unfinished frames or receivers, through inheritance, **prior to June 1, 2022**, will be required to comply with section 2 above by March 1, 2023.

Persons who made or manufactured a Privately Made Firearm or an unfinished frame or receiver, without the use of any prefabricated parts (80% lowers, build kits, etc.), **after June 1, 2022**, will be required to comply with section 2 above by the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the person made or manufactured the unfinished frame or receiver. Persons who made or manufactured a Privately Made Firearm or an unfinished frame or receiver, without the use of any prefabricated parts (80% lowers, build kits, etc.), **prior to June 1, 2022**, will be required to comply with section 2 above by March 1, 2023.

The entire bill can be viewed on the MD General Assembly website by clicking here: [SB387](#)

Additional information and registration procedures will be forthcoming.

For further information, please visit our website by clicking: [Maryland State Police Licensing Division](#) . If you need further assistance or have additional questions, you may contact the Licensing Division at [mfp.firearmsregistration@maryland.gov](mailto:mfp.firearmsregistration@maryland.gov). Regulated Firearms Dealers may contact us using the LiveHelp feature within the Licensing Portal.

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