

HOUSE BILL 730

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Transfer of Handguns**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that, for certain purposes, the term “transfer” does not
4 include a certain exchange of a handgun between two individuals under certain
5 circumstances; and generally relating to the transfer of handguns.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

7 Article – Public Safety

8 Section 5–124

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
12 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article – Public Safety**

14 5–124.

15 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “TRANSFER” DOES NOT INCLUDE A TEMPORARY**
16 **GRATUITOUS EXCHANGE OF A HANDGUN BETWEEN TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO REMAIN**
17 **IN THE SAME LOCATION FOR THE DURATION OF THE EXCHANGE.**

18 **[(a)] (B)** (1) A person who is not a licensee may not sell, rent, transfer, or
19 purchase a regulated firearm until after 7 days following the time a firearm application is
20 executed by the firearm applicant, in triplicate, and the original is forwarded by a licensee
21 to the Secretary.

22 (2) As an alternative to completing a secondary sale of a regulated firearm

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 through a licensee, a prospective seller, lessor, or transferor and a prospective purchaser,
2 lessee, or transferee may complete the transaction through a designated law enforcement
3 agency.

4 **[(b)] (C)** A firearm applicant for a secondary sale of a regulated firearm through
5 a licensee shall pay to the licensee a processing fee not exceeding \$20.

6 **[(c)] (D)** A person shall complete the sale, rental, or transfer of a regulated
7 firearm within 90 days after the firearm application was stamped by the Secretary as not
8 being disapproved.

9 **[(d)] (E)** (1) If the sale, rental, or transfer of a regulated firearm is not
10 completed within 90 days after the firearm application was stamped by the Secretary as
11 not being disapproved, a person shall return the firearm application to the Secretary within
12 7 days.

13 (2) The Secretary shall void a firearm application returned under
14 paragraph (1) of this subsection as an incomplete sale, rental, or transfer.

15 **[(e)] (F)** (1) (i) A person who sells, rents, or transfers a regulated firearm
16 in compliance with this subtitle shall forward a copy of the written notification of the
17 completed transaction to the Secretary within 7 days after delivery of the regulated firearm.

18 (ii) The notification shall contain an identifying description of the
19 regulated firearm, including its caliber, make, model, any manufacturer's serial number,
20 and any other special or peculiar characteristic or marking by which the regulated firearm
21 may be identified.

22 (2) The Secretary shall maintain a permanent record of all notifications
23 received of completed sales, rentals, and transfers of regulated firearms in the State.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 October 1, 2018.