

SENATE BILL 622

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ENROLLED BILL

— Judicial Proceedings/Judiciary —

Introduced by **Senator Carter**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Office of the Attorney General~~ **Governor's Office of Crime Control and**
3 **Prevention – Crime Firearms – Study**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the ~~Office of the Attorney General~~ Governor's Office of Crime
5 Control and Prevention to study and compile information regarding certain matters
6 that relate to certain crime firearms; requiring the Department of State Police to
7 provide certain information for the study; requiring the ~~Office of the Attorney~~
8 ~~General~~ Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to report its findings to
9 the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the
10 termination of this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to firearms.

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
12 That:

13 (a) In this section, "crime firearm" means a firearm that is:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 (1) used in the commission of a crime of violence as defined in § 5–101 of
2 the Public Safety Article; or

3 (2) recovered by law enforcement in connection with illegal firearm
4 possession, transportation, or transfer.

5 (b) ~~The Office of the Attorney General~~ Governor's Office of Crime Control and
6 Prevention shall:

7 (1) study information regarding crime firearms in the State, including:

8 (i) the number and types of crime firearms;

9 (ii) the sources of the crime firearms, including the ~~manufacturer,~~
10 importer, dealer, and first purchaser for all recovered crime firearms; and

11 (iii) the jurisdictions where crime firearms were recovered;

12 (2) ~~study~~ report the crimes committed with crime firearms by jurisdiction,
13 including:

14 (i) the number of charges and convictions for:

15 1. crimes of violence;

16 2. illegal transfers;

17 3. illegal possession; ~~and~~

18 4. illegal transportation; and

19 5. straw purchases; and

20 (ii) the number and types of criminal charges associated with a crime
21 firearm;

22 (3) compile all available information and data regarding the source of crime
23 firearms, including:

24 (i) for out-of-state crime firearms:

25 1. the country, state, or city of origin; and

26 2. the location in the State where the crime firearm was
27 recovered;

- 1 (ii) for in-State crime firearms:
- 2 1. the jurisdiction of origin; and
- 3 2. the location where the crime firearm was recovered;
- 4 (iii) information on the top 10 dealers of crime firearms in the State,
5 including:
- 6 1. names;
- 7 2. locations; and
- 8 3. the dates and outcomes of audits conducted by the
9 Maryland State Police of the dealers; and
- 10 (iv) ~~information on~~ the 10 states where the most crime firearms
11 recovered in the State originated, including a comparison of the other states' firearms laws
12 regarding:
- 13 1. licensing;
- 14 2. background checks;
- 15 3. waiting periods;
- 16 4. straw purchases; and
- 17 5. ~~safe storage laws~~ concealed carry laws;
- 18 (4) collect information on the length of time between the origination and
19 recovery of a crime firearm; and
- 20 (5) gather information regarding *whether* the individuals found in
21 possession of crime firearms, ~~including~~:
- 22 ~~(i) their ages;~~
- 23 ~~(ii) their jurisdictions of residence;~~
- 24 ~~(iii) their jurisdictions where charged; and~~
- 25 ~~(iv) whether they~~ were previously prohibited from possessing a
26 firearm.

1 (c) The Department of State Police shall provide the ~~Office of the Attorney~~
2 ~~General~~ Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention with any and all information
3 necessary to complete this study.

4 (d) On or before December 1, 2020, the ~~Office of the Attorney General~~ Governor's
5 Office of Crime Control and Prevention shall report its findings to the Governor and, in
6 accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2019. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 3 months and, at the
9 end of December 31, 2020, this Act, with no further action required by the General
10 Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.