

HOUSE BILL 756

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By: **Delegates Mosby, Ali, Frush, Hill, J. Lewis, R. Lewis, Moon, Morales, Platt, and M. Washington**

Introduced and read first time: February 1, 2018

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Handguns – Trace Information Database**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland State Police Gun Center to create and maintain
4 a handgun trace information database containing information regarding seized or
5 recovered handguns used in the commission of a crime in the State; requiring certain
6 information to be included in the database; requiring the database to be open to the
7 public; defining a certain term; and generally relating to a handgun trace
8 information database.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Public Safety

11 Section 5–147

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Public Safety**

17 **5–147.**

18 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “TRACE INFORMATION” MEANS INFORMATION
19 GATHERED FROM TRACKING THE MOVEMENT OF A FIREARM FROM ITS FIRST SALE
20 BY THE MANUFACTURER OR IMPORTER THROUGH THE DISTRIBUTION CHAIN TO THE
21 FIRST RETAIL PURCHASE.

22 (B) (1) THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE GUN CENTER SHALL CREATE
23 AND MAINTAIN A HANDGUN TRACE INFORMATION DATABASE CONTAINING

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 INFORMATION REGARDING ALL SEIZED OR RECOVERED HANDGUNS USED IN THE
2 COMMISSION OF A CRIME IN THE STATE.

3 (2) THE DATABASE SHALL INCLUDE INFORMATION REGARDING:

4 (I) THE CRIME IN WHICH THE HANDGUN WAS USED;

5 (II) THE LOCATION OF THE CRIME IN WHICH THE HANDGUN WAS
6 USED;

7 (III) THE CURRENT REGISTERED OWNER OF THE HANDGUN; AND

8 (IV) TRACE INFORMATION FOR THE HANDGUN OBTAINED BY THE
9 MARYLAND STATE POLICE GUN CENTER.

10 (3) THE DATABASE SHALL BE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC.

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