

SENATE BILL 907

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By: **Senator Waugh**

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2018

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Firearms Database**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of State Police to create and maintain a
4 database containing information regarding the use of firearms in the commission of
5 a crime and the use of firearms in self–defense; requiring certain information to be
6 included in the database; requiring the database to be open to the public; and
7 generally relating to a firearms database.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Public Safety

10 Section 5–147

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Public Safety**

16 **5–147.**

17 **(A) THE SECRETARY SHALL CREATE AND MAINTAIN A DATABASE**
18 **CONTAINING INFORMATION REGARDING THE USE OF FIREARMS IN:**

19 **(1) THE COMMISSION OF A CRIME; AND**

20 **(2) SELF–DEFENSE.**

21 **(B) THE DATABASE SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION**
22 **REGARDING ALL SEIZED OR RECOVERED FIREARMS USED IN THE COMMISSION OF A**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **CRIME:**

- 2 **(1) THE CRIME IN WHICH THE FIREARM WAS USED;**
3 **(2) THE LOCATION OF THE CRIME IN WHICH THE FIREARM WAS USED;**
4 **(3) WHETHER THE FIREARM WAS LEGALLY OWNED; AND**
5 **(4) THE CURRENT OWNER OF THE FIREARM.**

6 **(C) THE DATABASE SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION**
7 **REGARDING FIREARMS USED FOR SELF-DEFENSE:**

- 8 **(1) A DESCRIPTION OF THE INCIDENT IN WHICH THE FIREARM WAS**
9 **USED FOR SELF-DEFENSE;**
10 **(2) THE LOCATION OF THE INCIDENT IN WHICH THE FIREARM WAS**
11 **USED;**
12 **(3) WHETHER THE FIREARM WAS LEGALLY OWNED; AND**
13 **(4) THE CURRENT OWNER OF THE FIREARM.**

14 **(D) THE DATABASE SHALL BE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC.**

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