

HOUSE BILL 35

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By: **Delegate Queen**

Requested: September 10, 2019

Introduced and read first time: January 8, 2020

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Firearm Telematics – Study**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of State Police to study and make
4 recommendations about firearm telematics; requiring the Department to take
5 certain actions in conducting the study and making recommendations; requiring the
6 Department to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the
7 General Assembly on or before a certain date; defining a certain term; and generally
8 relating to firearm telematics.

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
10 That:

11 (a) In this section, “firearm telematics” means an electronic sensor or equipment
12 installed on a firearm designed to track the location of the firearm if it becomes lost or
13 stolen.

14 (b) The Department of State Police shall study and make recommendations about
15 firearm telematics.

16 (c) In conducting the study and making recommendations, the Department shall:

17 (1) analyze the current research and development of firearm telematics;

18 (2) evaluate the technical feasibility of incorporating firearm telematics
19 with previously manufactured firearms;

20 (3) determine types of firearms to which firearm telematics may be applied
21 or attached;

22 (4) determine whether firearm telematics are currently available for retail

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 sale purposes, and, if not, when firearm telematics are likely to become available for retail
2 sale purposes; and

3 (5) provide recommendations for the most feasible methods to utilize
4 firearm telematics to recover lost or stolen firearms.

5 (d) On or before July 1, 2021, the Department shall report its findings and
6 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State
7 Government Article, the General Assembly.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2020.