

# HOUSE BILL 1288

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By: **Delegates Buckel, Beitzel, Corderman, Cox, McKay, Rose, Shoemaker, and Wivell**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Procedure – Forfeiture of Firearms – Sale to Dealer**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a certain law enforcement unit to sell, exchange, or transfer  
4 certain forfeited firearms to a certain firearms dealer under certain circumstances;  
5 and generally relating to forfeiture of firearms.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article – Criminal Procedure  
8 Section 13–206  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Criminal Procedure**

14 13–206.

15 (a) Whenever property is forfeited under this subtitle, the law enforcement unit  
16 that sought forfeiture of the property may only:

17 (1) order the property retained for the official use of the law enforcement  
18 unit;

19 (2) destroy the forfeited property; or

20 (3) sell, exchange, or transfer the forfeited property to:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   **(I)**     another law enforcement unit for official use by that unit; **OR**

2                   **(II)**    **A FEDERALLY LICENSED FIREARMS DEALER.**

3           (b)     Within 30 days after disposing of forfeited property, a law enforcement unit  
4 shall send to the Secretary of State Police:

5                   (1)     a description of the property forfeited;

6                   (2)     the type of disposition made; and

7                   (3)     the identity of the person to whom the property was transferred for  
8 disposal, retention, or official use.

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