

## Chapter 130

(House Bill 119)

AN ACT concerning

### Department of State Police – Firearm Applications – Authority of Secretary

FOR the purpose of providing that, in addition to the current methods for transferring a firearm application to the Secretary of State Police, a firearm application may be transferred to the Secretary by ~~any other method pre-approved~~ electronic means approved by the Secretary; and generally relating to the Department of State Police and the application to purchase a firearm.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Public Safety  
Section 5–120  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2003 Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

### Article – Public Safety

5–120.

(a) (1) On receipt of a firearm application, a licensee or designated law enforcement agency shall promptly forward one copy of it to the Secretary by [certified mail or facsimile machine]:

(I) CERTIFIED MAIL;

(II) FACSIMILE MACHINE; OR

(III) ~~ANY OTHER METHOD PRE-APPROVED~~ ELECTRONIC MEANS APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY.

(2) The copy of the firearm application forwarded to the Secretary shall contain the name, address, and signature of the prospective seller, lessor, or transferor.

(b) (1) The prospective seller, lessor, or transferor shall keep one copy of the firearm application for not less than 3 years.

(2) The firearm applicant is entitled to the remaining copy of the firearm application.

(c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the licensee or designated law enforcement agency shall forward the \$10 application fee with the firearm application to the Secretary.

(2) A licensee or designated law enforcement agency that uses a facsimile machine to forward the firearm application to the Secretary shall:

(i) be billed \$10 for each firearm application forwarded to the Secretary during the month; and

(ii) pay the total application fee by the fifteenth day of the following month.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2010.

**Approved by the Governor, April 13, 2010.**