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RAPID FIRE TRIGGER ACTIVATOR

As of October 1, 2018, Maryland Criminal Law 4-305.1, will prohibit the transportation of a Rapid Fire Trigger Activator (RFTA) into the State and prohibit the manufacture, possession, sale, offer for sale, transfer, purchase or receipt of an RFTA.

Maryland Criminal Law 4-305.1(b) states that a person who possesses an RFTA, prior to October 1, 2018, may continue to possess the RFTA provided they have applied to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (BATFE), prior to October 1, 2018, for authorization to possess the RFTA and are in compliance with all federal requirements for possess of an RFTA.

As of October 1, 2019, Maryland Criminal Law 4-305.1(b), will state that a person who is in possession of an RFTA and who applied to the BATFE as stated in the above paragraph, may continue to possess the RFTA, provided they have received authorization from the BATFE, prior to October 1, 2019 and are in compliance with all federal requirements for possession of an RFTA. If BATFE authorization is not received by October 1, 2019, any person who is in possession of an RFTA will be in violation of Maryland Criminal Law 4-305.1.

On April 24, 2018, the BATFE issued a Special Advisory stating that BATFE is without legal authority to accept and process RFTA applications; requesting that Maryland residents not file applications or other requests for "authorization" from BATFE to possess RFTA's; and, stating that any such applications or requests will be returned to the applicant without action.

Maryland Criminal Law 4-305.1 does not authorize the Department of State Police or any other State official or agency to accept applications or grant authorization to continue to possess an RFTA.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Firearms Registration Unit, via the Livehelp feature from within your Licensing Portal, or you may contact us during regular business hours at 410-653-4500.

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