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HIGH-CAPACITY DETACHABLE MAGAZINES

The Maryland State Police Licensing Division has received inquiries regarding the conversion of high-capacity detachable magazines and has received information on Maryland Regulated Firearms Dealers (RFD's) selling high-capacity detachable magazines to non-exempt individuals.

An FFL/Maryland RFD may receive into the State a detachable magazine with a capacity of more than 10 rounds; however, these magazines may not be sold, transferred or offered for sale to a non-exempt Maryland resident in Maryland in accordance with Maryland Criminal Law Article §4-305(b). An FFL/Maryland RFD may sell and/or offer for sale a detachable magazine with a capacity of more than 10 rounds to an out-of-state individual as long as the sale takes place outside of Maryland and the high-capacity detachable magazine is sent to an FFL in the purchasers' state for transfer.

An FFL and/or an FFL licensed as a Manufacturer, may modify a detachable magazine to only accept a maximum capacity of 10 rounds, as long as once modified, the detachable magazine is not capable of being readily converted back to a capacity of more than 10 rounds. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (B.A.T.F.E.) has explained that since 2005, they no longer regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices. Therefore, a dealer/manufacturer can "pin"/"block"/"plug" magazines as this is not considered by B.A.T.F.E. as a firearm. High-capacity detachable magazines cannot be disassembled and sold, transferred or offered for sale to a non-exempt Maryland resident as a "parts kit" or "repair kit". Any attempt to circumvent Criminal Law Article 4-305 or applicable sections of the Criminal Law Article or Public Safety Article are considered violations of the law and can result in criminal penalties, MD RFD License suspensions and/or revocations.

For further information, please visit our website by clicking: [Maryland State Police Licensing Division](#) . If you need further assistance or have additional questions, you may contact the Licensing Division at msp.firearmsregistration@maryland.gov. Regulated Firearms Dealers may contact us using the LiveHelp feature within the Licensing Portal.

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