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Firearms Legislation Passed During 2024 Maryland General Assembly Session Effective October 1, 2024

In accordance with Public Safety Article §5-147 (b), The Maryland Department of State Police (MDSP) is providing the following summary of new laws or changes to each existing laws pertaining to firearms that were passed by the General Assembly during the 2024 legislative session, set to take effect in 30 days. The law requires a notification to be sent 30 days prior to the effective date of any act, to be provided to each Email address on file with the MDSP, that is associated with the purchaser or transferee of a regulated firearm or a person who has registered a regulated firearm with the Department.

The following is a summary of all bills with references to “Firearms” passed by the Maryland General Assembly, 2024 legislative session, that will take effect on October 1, 2024:

HB0583/SB0475 - Center for Firearm Violence Prevention and Intervention - Establishment

This Administration bill establishes the Center for Firearm Violence Prevention and Intervention in the Maryland Department of Health (MDH). The purpose of the center is to reduce firearm violence, harm from firearm violence, and misuse of firearms in the State by partnering with federal, State, and local agencies and affected communities to implement a public health approach to firearm violence reduction. The center must (1) work in consultation with specified State agencies and stakeholders; (2) solicit and consider recommendations from specified communities and experts; and (3) submit to the Governor and General Assembly a preliminary State Plan for a Public Health Approach to Reducing Firearm Violence (by May 1, 2025), and a State Strategic Plan for Firearm Violence Reduction Using Public Health Strategies (by May 1, 2029, and every four years thereafter). **The bill takes effect October 1, 2024.**

HB0810 - Criminal Law - Rapid-Fire Activator - Switch/Auto-Sear

This bill (1) alters the defined term “rapid fire trigger activator” to be “rapid fire activator” and (2) expands the definition of “rapid fire activator” to include a “switch/auto-sear” for purposes of existing prohibitions and penalties. “Switch/auto-sear” means a device that applies force to a firearm’s trigger bar to prevent it from limiting the weapon to firing only one round each time the trigger is depressed.” **The bill takes effect October 1, 2024.**

HB1063 - Criminal Organizations - Underlying Crime

This bill expands the meaning of “underlying crime” for the purposes of establishing a “pattern of organized criminal activity” applicable to related criminal prohibitions. **The bill takes effect October 1, 2024.**

SB0652 - Department of Juvenile Services – Report on Shootings (Department of Juvenile Services Transparency Act of 2024)

This bill requires the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) to report to the Commission on Juvenile Justice Reform and Emerging and Best Practices and the General Assembly by December 1 each year on (1) the number of juveniles under DJS's supervision in the preceding year who were nonfatally shot, shot another individual, or were victims of a homicide; (2) the actions DJS took in response and a timeline of such actions; (3) the age of each juvenile in the report; and (4) the county of residence of each juvenile in the report. The initial report submitted must include a description of any established process that DJS uses after a shooting involving supervised youth or when a youth under DJS supervision is the victim of a homicide. **The bill takes effect October 1, 2024.**