

defining certain terms; authorizing the Superintendent of the Maryland State Police to seek injunctive relief under certain circumstances; authorizing the revocation of certain licenses for willful violations of this Act; ~~limiting civil liability concerning certain handguns; prohibiting issuance of a permit to carry certain handguns;~~ establishing procedures for hearings and appeals; ~~authorizing~~ requiring the Superintendent Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services to adopt rules and regulations to implement this Act; making the provisions of this Act severable; providing for publication of the handgun roster; providing for judicial review of certain actions by the Superintendent Board; providing that compliance with the prohibition against the manufacture for distribution or sale, sale, or offer for sale of certain handguns is not required until a certain date; making certain technical changes; providing that a person or entity may not be held strictly liable for damages resulting from injuries to another person sustained as a result of the criminal use of any firearm by a third person; and generally relating to handguns.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
 Section 36E(a), 36F and 443(h)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1987 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
 Section 36-I and 36J
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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Preamble

WHEREAS, "Saturday--Night--Specials" Certain handguns generally include several of the following characteristics: easily concealable, ballistically inaccurate, relatively light in weight, of low quality and manufacture, unreliable as to safety, and of low calibre; and

WHEREAS, "Saturday-Night-Specials" Certain handguns have no legitimate socially useful purpose and are not suitable for law enforcement, self-protection, or sporting activities; and

WHEREAS, Only the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of these "Saturday--Night--Specials" Handguns will remove these handguns from the streets of this State; now, therefore,