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A BILL ENTITLED

Office of the Attorney General - Crime Firearms - Study

1 AN ACT concerning

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Office of the Attorney General to study and compile information regarding certain matters that relate to certain crime firearms; 4 5 requiring the Department of State Police to provide certain information for the study; 6 requiring the Office of the Attorney General to report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination 7 8 of this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to firearms. 9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, 10 That:

- 11 (a) In this section, "crime firearm" means a firearm that is:
- 12 (1) used in the commission of a crime of violence as defined in \S 5–101 of 13 the Public Safety Article; or
- 14 (2) recovered by law enforcement in connection with illegal firearm 15 possession, transportation, or transfer.
- 16 (b) The Office of the Attorney General shall:
- 17 (1) study information regarding crime firearms in the State, including:
- 18 (i) the number and types of crime firearms;
- 19 (ii) the sources of the crime firearms, including the manufacturer, 20 importer, dealer, and first purchaser for all recovered crime firearms; and
- 21 (iii) the jurisdictions where crime firearms were recovered;

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1	(2)	study	z crime	es committed with crime firearms by jurisdiction, including:			
2		(i)	the n	umber of charges and convictions for:			
3			1.	crimes of violence;			
4			2.	illegal transfers;			
5			3.	illegal possession; and			
6			4.	illegal transportation; and			
7 8	firearm;	(ii)	the n	umber and types of criminal charges associated with a crime			
9	(3) firearms, includin	()					
1		(i)	for ou	ut-of-state crime firearms:			
2			1.	the country, state, or city of origin; and			
13 14	recovered;		2.	the location in the State where the crime firearm was			
5		(ii)	for in	n–State crime firearms:			
6			1.	the jurisdiction of origin; and			
17			2.	the location where the crime firearm was recovered;			
18 19	including:	(iii)	infor	mation on the top 10 dealers of crime firearms in the State,			
20			1.	names;			
21			2.	locations; and			
22 23	Maryland State Po	olice of	3. Tthe de	the dates and outcomes of audits conducted by the ealers; and			
24 25 26	recovered in the S regarding:	(iv) tate or		mation on the 10 states where the most crime firearms ed, including a comparison of the other states' firearms laws			
27			1	licensing.			

1			2.	background checks;			
2			3.	waiting periods;			
3			4.	straw purchases; and			
4			5.	safe storage laws;			
5 6	(4) collect information on the length of time between the origination and recovery of a crime firearm; and						
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9		(i)	their	ages;			
10		(ii)	their	jurisdictions of residence;			
11		(iii)	their	jurisdictions where charged; and			
12 13	firearm.	(iv)	wheth	ner they were previously prohibited from possessing a			
14 15	(c) The Department of State Police shall provide the Office of the Attorney General with any and all information necessary to complete this study.						
16 17 18	(d) On or before December 1, 2020, the Office of the Attorney General shall report its findings to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.						
19 20 21 22	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2019. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 3 months and, at the end of December 31, 2020, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.						