

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Business Regulation

12-304.

(a) (1) A dealer shall submit a copy of each record to the primary law enforcement unit in accordance with subsection (b) of this section.

(2) If the dealer transacts business in accordance with § 12-206(b) of this title, the dealer also shall submit a copy of the records to the local law enforcement unit in accordance with subsection (b) of this section.

(3) On the request of a dealer, the Secretary shall provide to the dealer a list of local law enforcement units.

(4) THE SECRETARY SHALL ENCOURAGE DEALERS AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT UNITS TO DEVELOP A SYSTEM FOR TRANSMITTING RECORDS ELECTRONICALLY.

(b) The dealer shall submit the records by ONE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS, ~~AS REQUIRED BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT UNIT:~~

(1) BY delivering or mailing a copy of the records by the end of the next business day after the day on which the item was acquired; OR

(2) BY ~~ELECTRONIC COMPUTER ENTRY~~ TRANSMITTING A COPY OF THE RECORDS ELECTRONICALLY, IN A FORMAT ACCEPTABLE TO THE RECEIVING LAW ENFORCEMENT UNIT, BY THE END OF EACH BUSINESS DAY.

(c) Each copy of a record, submitted to the primary law enforcement unit and, if applicable, local law enforcement unit, shall include:

- (1) the license number of the dealer;
- (2) the location of each item listed in the record; and
- (3) the information required under § 12-302 of this subtitle.

(d) A copy of a record submitted under this section:

- (1) shall be kept confidential;
- (2) is not a public record; and
- (3) is not subject to Title 10, Subtitle 6 of the State Government Article.

(e) A law enforcement unit may destroy the copy of a record submitted under this section after 1 year from the date the law enforcement unit receives the copy.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2004.

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