effect for a period of [3] 5 years and, at the end of January 1, [1991] 1993, with no further action required by the General Assembly, these changes shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved April 24, 1990.

## CHAPTER 98

(Senate Bill 196)

AN ACT concerning

## Firearms - Disapproval of Purchase or Transfer - Hearing

FOR the purpose of providing that if an applicant for the purchase or transfer of a pistol, revolver, or certain assault weapons requests a hearing to challenge the disapproval of the purchase or transfer, the hearing shall be held at the Maryland State Police barrack closest to in the county of the legal residence of the applicant; and providing that if the applicant is not a State resident, the hearing shall be held at a location designated by the Superintendent of the Maryland State Police.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

Section 442(h)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1987 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)

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

## Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

442.

- (h) (1) Any prospective purchaser or transferee aggrieved by the action of the State Police may request a hearing within 30 days from the date when written notice was forwarded to [such] THE aggrieved person by writing to the Superintendent of State Police, who shall grant the hearing within fifteen days of [said] THE request.
- (2) THE [Said] hearing and subsequent proceedings of judicial review, if any, thereupon following shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act