

record shall be retained by the dealer for a period of not less than three years following the date of such sale.

Each dealer shall promptly notify the Clerk of the Court of the County where the sale is made, or the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City if the sale is made in said City, of all sales of pistols or revolvers, giving the information contained in the above record. It shall be the duty of each Clerk of the County and of the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City to transmit as promptly as possible a copy of all reports or notifications of the sales of pistols or revolvers to the Superintendent of the Maryland State Police, whose duty it shall be to maintain a file of the records of all sales of pistols or revolvers made in the State.

531C. It shall be unlawful for anyone to obliterate, remove, change or alter the manufacturer's identification mark or number on any firearms. Whenever on trial for a violation of this section the defendant is shown to have or have had possession of any such firearms, such fact shall be presumptive evidence that the defendant obliterated, removed, changed or altered the manufacturer's identification mark or number.

531D. It shall be unlawful for any dealer or person to sell or transfer a pistol or revolver to a person whom he knows or has reasonable cause to believe has been convicted of a crime of violence or who is a fugitive from justice.

It shall be unlawful for any person who has been convicted of a "crime of violence" or who is a "fugitive from justice" to possess a pistol or revolver.

531E. It shall be unlawful for any person to possess, sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any stolen pistol or revolver, knowing or having reasonable cause to believe same to have been stolen.

531F. The provisions of this sub-title shall not be construed to include any antique or unserviceable firearms sold or transferred and/or held as curios or museum pieces.

531G. Any person violating any of the provisions of this sub-title shall upon conviction thereof be fined not more than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) or imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, or both.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1941.

Approved May 6, 1941.