This bill authorizes the creation of a State debt. The proceeds of this loan are to be used as a grant to assist in the design, construction, alterations and an addition, including equipment, to the Carroll County Jail.

Senate Bill 753, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on June 1, 1982, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1837.

Sincerely, Harry Hughes Governor

## House Bill No. 1890

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AN ACT concerning

Firearms - Short-Barreled Rifles and Short-Barreled Shotguns

- FOR--the--purpose--of---amending---the---law---relating---to short-barreled--rifles--and--short-barreled-shotguns-to provide-that-a-person-may-not-possess-such-firearms-and that--certain--provisions--of--law--may---not---prevent possession---of---such---firearms--if--they--have--been registered--with--the--United--States---government---in accordance-with-United-States-statutes.
- FOR the purpose of altering the prohibition on the possession of short-barreled rifles and short-barreled shotguns; providing exceptions for certain persons and for certain short-barreled rifles and short-barreled shotguns which have been registered in a certain manner; and allocating the burden of proving a certain fact to a certain party in a certain prosecution.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments Section 481C Annotated Code of Maryland (1976 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland read(s) as follows: