

AN ACT concerning

Crimes and Punishments - Machine Gun Registration

FOR the purpose of altering the requirements for the registration of machine guns with the Superintendent of the Maryland State Police; and generally relating to the registration of machine guns.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
Section 379  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1982 Replacement Volume and 1987 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

379.

Except in the calendar year it was purchased, every machine gun in this State shall be registered with the Superintendent of the Maryland State Police annually during the month of May. Also, every machine gun shall be registered within 24 hours after its acquisition. Blanks for registration shall be prepared by the Superintendent of the State Police and furnished upon application. To comply with this section the application as filed must show [the model and serial number of the gun, the name, address and occupation of the person in possession, and from whom and the purpose for which the gun was acquired.] THE MAKE, MODEL, SERIAL NUMBER, CALIBER, TYPE, BARREL LENGTH, FINISH, COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF THE GUN, AND THE NAME, ADDRESS, RACE, SEX, DATE OF BIRTH, MARYLAND DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER, AND OCCUPATION OF THE PERSON IN POSSESSION OF THE GUN, FROM WHOM AND THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE GUN WAS ACQUIRED. The registration data shall not be subject to inspection by the public. Any person failing to register any gun as required by this section shall be presumed to possess the same for offensive or aggressive purpose.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1988.

Approved May 2, 1988.