

~~[(g)]~~ ~~(F)~~ (I) The Secretary [of the Department of State Police] may request the assistance of the police commissioner of Baltimore City, the chief of police in any county maintaining a police force, or the sheriff in a county not maintaining a police force and shall promptly upon receipt of an application to purchase, RENT, or transfer conduct an investigation in order to determine the truth ~~of~~ or falsity of the information supplied and statements made in ~~said~~ THE application. If it be thereupon determined that any false information or statement has been supplied or made by the applicant, [or] that the application has not been properly completed, OR THAT WRITTEN NOTIFICATION FROM A THE APPLICANT'S LICENSED ATTENDING PHYSICIAN HAS BEEN RECEIVED STATING THAT THE APPLICANT IS SUFFERING FROM A MENTAL DISORDER OR DISORDERS AND IS A DANGER TO HIMSELF OR HERSELF OR TO OTHERS, the [said] Secretary [or any specific member of the Department of State Police authorized by the Secretary to act as the Secretary's agent in matters relating to pistol or revolver sales] shall notify the prospective seller, LESSOR, or transferor, in writing, within seven days from the date the executed application to purchase or transfer was forwarded by certified mail OR FACSIMILE MACHINE, of his disapproval of ~~said~~ THE application. Written notification of such disapproval shall be thereafter forwarded by the Secretary [or the Secretary's duly authorized agent or agents] to the prospective purchaser, LESSEE, or transferee. The date upon which the executed application to purchase, RENT, or transfer was forwarded by certified mail OR BY FACSIMILE MACHINE TO THE SECRETARY by the prospective seller, LESSOR, or transferor shall be considered as the first day of the seven-day period allowed for notice of disapproval to the ~~said~~ prospective seller, LESSOR, or transferor. If the seventh day of the seven-day period allowed for the ~~said~~ notice of disapproval shall fall on a Sunday or legal holiday, the computation period shall be extended to the first day next following, which is neither a Sunday nor a legal holiday.

~~[(h)]~~ ~~(F)~~ (J) (1) No REGULATED FIREARMS dealer OR PERSON shall sell, RENT, or transfer a [pistol or revolver] REGULATED FIREARM to an applicant whose application has been PLACED ON HOLD BECAUSE OF AN OPEN DISPOSITION OF CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE APPLICANT OR [timely] disapproved, unless such disapproval has been subsequently withdrawn by the Secretary [of the State Police or the Secretary's duly authorized agent or agents] or overruled by the action of the courts pursuant to subsection [(i)] ~~(F)~~ (K) of this section.

(2) AN APPROVED APPLICATION IS VALID ONLY FOR THE PURCHASE, RENTAL, OR TRANSFER OF THE REGULATED FIREARM LISTED IN THE APPLICATION.

~~[(i)]~~ ~~(F)~~ (K) (1) Any prospective purchaser, LESSEE, or transferee aggrieved by the action of the [Department of] State Police may request a hearing within 30 days from the date when written notice was forwarded to the aggrieved person by writing to the Secretary [of the State Police], who shall grant the hearing within fifteen days of the request.

(2) The hearing and subsequent proceedings of judicial review, if any, thereupon following shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act.

(3) The hearing shall be held in the county of the legal residence of the aggrieved person. [If the aggrieved person is not a State resident, the hearing shall be held at a location designated by the Secretary of the State Police].