

CHAPTER 506

(House Bill 1218)

AN ACT concerning

State Police Officers - Keeping State-Issued Sidearm Handgun on Retirement

FOR the purpose of authorizing a State Police officer, upon retirement in good standing, to keep or acquire the sidearm handgun issued to that officer by the State if the officer reimburses the Department of State Police for the ~~current market~~ replacement value of the sidearm handgun in value or trade and the Secretary of the State Police authorizes the transaction; requiring the Secretary of State Police to adopt certain regulations; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the authority for State Police officers to keep their State-issued ~~sidearms~~ handguns upon retirement.

BY adding to

Article 88B - Department of State Police
Section 24A
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1998 Replacement Volume)

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

Article 88B - Department of State Police

24A.

(A) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A STATE POLICE OFFICER, UPON RETIREMENT IN GOOD STANDING, MAY KEEP ~~THE SIDEARM OR ACQUIRE THE HANDGUN~~ ISSUED TO THAT OFFICER BY THE STATE IF:

(1) THE OFFICER REIMBURSES THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE ~~CURRENT MARKET VALUE OF THE SIDEARM IN VALUE OR TRADE~~ REPLACEMENT VALUE OF THE HANDGUN; AND

(2) THE SECRETARY AUTHORIZES THE TRANSACTION.

(B) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed retroactively and shall be applied to and interpreted to affect a State Police Officer who retired on or after July 1, 1998, for whom the handgun that was issued remains available for acquisition.

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999.