

(III) BE WITNESSED BY A LICENSEE OR DESIGNATED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY; AND

(IV) BE SIGNED UNDER THE PENALTY OF PERJURY BY THE FIREARM APPLICANT.

(2) THE APPLICATION FOR A MULTIPLE PURCHASE OF REGULATED FIREARMS SHALL BE ATTACHED TO A COMPLETED FIREARM APPLICATION AND FORWARDED TO THE SECRETARY BY A LICENSEE OR DESIGNATED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

(C) BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION.

ON RECEIPT OF THE FIREARM APPLICATION AND THE APPLICATION FOR A MULTIPLE PURCHASE, THE SECRETARY SHALL CONDUCT A BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION AS REQUIRED IN § 5-121 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(D) PENALTY.

A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 3 YEARS OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 OR BOTH.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 27, §§ 442A(b), (c), and (d) and 449(c).

In subsection (a)(2)(iv) of this section, the reference to other purposes similar "to items (i) through (iii) of this item" is added for clarity.

In the introductory language of subsection (b)(1) of this section, the reference to an application for "a multiple purchase" is added to state explicitly the purpose of the application.

In subsection (b)(1)(iv) of this section, the defined term "firearm applicant" is substituted for the former reference to the "applicant" for clarity.

In subsections (b)(2) and (c) of this section, the defined term "firearm application" is substituted for the former reference to an application "to purchase a regulated firearm" for brevity and consistency.

In subsection (c) of this section, the reference to the requirement that the Secretary "conduct" an investigation is substituted for the former reference that the Secretary "complete" an investigation, to conform to the terminology used in § 5-121 of this subtitle.

The Public Safety Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the General Assembly, that in subsection (a) of this section, although the purchase of more than one regulated firearm in a 30-day period is allowed under this section, the transfer of more than one is not. Therefore, in subsection (b)(1)(i) of this section, the former reference to the regulated firearm to be purchased "or transferred" is deleted in light of the absence in subsection (a) of this section of explicit authority for the transfer of more than one regulated firearm in a 30-day period.