

legislation passed this Session to provide additional funding for local police departments. Senate Bill 130 and House Bill 611, which I will sign tomorrow, improve the State Aid for Police Protection Fund by increasing State funding from \$1,800 to \$1,950 per sworn officer employed by each qualifying municipality in FY 2009. This will result in an increase in municipal police aid of over \$235,000.

For the above stated reasons, I have vetoed Senate Bill 497.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Governor

Senate Bill 497

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety - Disposal of Handguns Owned by a Law Enforcement Agency

FOR the purpose of authorizing a law enforcement agency to dispose of a handgun owned by the agency by selling, exchanging, or transferring the handgun to a manufacturer; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the disposal of handguns owned by a law enforcement agency.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Public Safety
Section 3-501
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2003 Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

Article - Public Safety

3-501.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "MANUFACTURER" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 5-131(A)(2) OF THIS ARTICLE.

(B) A law enforcement agency seeking to dispose of a handgun owned by the agency shall:

- (1) destroy the handgun;