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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Public Safety  
9 Section 3-501  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2003 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Public Safety**

15 3-501.

16 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "MANUFACTURER" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §  
17 5-131(A)(2) OF THIS ARTICLE.

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

20 (1) destroy the handgun;

21 (2) sell, exchange, or transfer the handgun to another law enforcement  
22 agency for official use by that agency;

23 (3) sell the handgun to a retired police employee in accordance with §  
24 2-415(c) of this article; [or]

1                   (4)       sell the handgun to the law enforcement officer to whom the handgun  
2 was assigned; OR

3                   (5)       SELL, EXCHANGE, OR TRANSFER THE HANDGUN TO A  
4 MANUFACTURER.

5       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 October 1, 2006.