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Good Morning,

On March 22, 2023, the United States District Court for the District of Maryland (federal court) released a decision dated March 21, 2023 in the case filed by Maryland Shall Issue, Inc. ("MSI") and four Anne Arundel County gun dealers challenging the enactment of Bill 108-21. You may find a link to the bill here. The bill requires firearms retailers to display and distribute materials relating to gun safety, gun training, suicide prevention, mental health and conflict resolution. The purpose of the bill is to reduce the risk of suicide.

As required by the law, the Department of Health developed and distributed the literature and display materials in 2022. During the legal process, these materials were available, but not required. The Department of Health will require gun retailers in Anne Arundel County to be in compliance with this bill by April 17, 2023. The bill requires that the literature be displayed at the point of sale and also distributed to all purchasers of firearms or ammunition.

If you need more brochures, we can supply them to you. To order more supplies, please use this <u>form</u> or email <u>hdhealthdept@aacounty.org</u> to let us know what you need.

In partnership,

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