

SB 353
An Act Concerning Microstamping of Semiautomatic Pistols

This message is to express my opposition to bill SB 353. The bill is intended to allow identification guns by matching them with empty cartridges after the gun is fired.

I feel that this bill will do nothing to slow violent crime, but will hurt the law abiding sportspersons and hunters. We already have the ability to identify guns used in a crime via marks left on bullets and on fired bullet casings. This bill will do nothing to help stop crime as criminals don't use "legal" guns and they won't in the future. If there is an identifying mark on the guns firing pin criminals will simply grind it away.

Newspapers report that a gun can be purchased for a few hundred dollars on the street. Buying a gun legally is much more expensive than that and this bill would add to that cost and would provide no additional assistance to law enforcement. I have not read the entire proposed bill, however if modification of existing pistols were required this would add a significant expense for "legal" owners.

I am President of the Rockville Fish and Game Club which has 830 members and the club opposes SB 353.

Thank you for your consideration.

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