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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY*

To: All Councilmembers of the Anne Arundel County Council

From: Linda M. Schuett, Legislative Counsel

Date: December 6, 2021

Subject: Bill No. 108-21

Bill No. 108-21 requires the Health Department to prepare literature relating to gun safety, gun training, suicide prevention, mental health, and conflict resolution. The Health Department then distributes the literature to all establishments that sell guns or ammunition. *See* subsection (a).

Establishments that sell guns or ammunition must make the literature visible and available at the point of sale. They must also distribute the literature to all purchasers of guns or ammunition. *See* subsection (b).

The Health Department may issue a citation to the owner of an establishment that violates these requirements. *See* subsection (c). Violations are a Class C civil offense. *See* subsection (d). The fine is \$500 for a first offense and \$1,000 for subsequent violations. *See* § 9-2-101 (f).

A bill usually takes effect 45 days from the date it becomes law. To provide ample time for the Health Department to create the required literature, this Bill takes effect 90 days after the date it becomes law.

* This Legislative Summary provides a synopsis of the bill as introduced. It does not address subsequent amendments to the bill.