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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY*

To: All Councilmembers of the Anne Arundel County Council

From: Linda M. Schuett, Legislative Counsel

Date: January 18, 2022

Subject: Bill No. 14-22

On January 3, 2022, the County Council adopted Bill No. 108-21. That bill requires the Health Department to prepare and distribute literature relating to gun safety, gun training, suicide prevention, mental health, and conflict resolution. Businesses that sell guns or ammunition must make the literature visible and available at the point of sale and must distribute the literature to all purchasers of guns or ammunition. A violation is a Class C civil offense. The fine is \$500 for a first offense and \$1,000 for subsequent violations.

Bill No. 14-22 changes the Class C civil offense to a Class E civil offense. The fine for a Class E civil offense is \$50 for the first violation, \$100 for the second violation, and \$500 for the third or any subsequent violation. Bill No. 14-22 becomes effective on the later of April 10, 2022 (Effective Date of Bill No. 108-21), or 45 days from 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.