

Hart Measure Would Outlaw Private Handgun Ownership

Washington, Oct. 8 (UPI) - Senator Philip A. Hart introduced today a bill that would outlaw private ownership of pistols after giving citizens 180 days to sell their weapons to the Government for a fair price.

After that period, he said, "any unauthorized person with a handgun in his possession would be subject to a jail term of five years and/or a maximum fine of \$5,000."

"Possessing a handgun in the house doesn't increase your security," the Michigan Democrat told reporters, "it diminishes it. We've got an incredible overkill in our bedrooms and living rooms in our country."

Mr. Hart's proposal would exempt handguns for the military, police target shooting clubs and collectors of antique firearms.