

SENATE BILL 156

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CF HB 265

By: **Senators Cassilly, Bailey, Carozza, Eckardt, Edwards, Gallion, Hershey, Hough, Jennings, Ready, Reilly, Salling, Serafini, Simonaire, Smith, and West**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Handgun Qualification License – Training Requirement – Exemption**

3 FOR the purpose of exempting a certain applicant for a handgun qualification license from
4 a certain training requirement under certain circumstances; and generally relating
5 to handgun qualification licenses.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – Public Safety
8 Section 5–117.1(d)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Public Safety
13 Section 5–117.1(e)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Public Safety**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



5-117.1.

(d) Subject to subsections (f) and (g) of this section, the Secretary shall issue a handgun qualification license to a person who the Secretary finds:

(1) is at least 21 years old;

(2) is a resident of the State;

(3) except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, has demonstrated satisfactory completion, within 3 years prior to the submission of the application, of a firearms safety training course approved by the Secretary that includes:

(i) a minimum of 4 hours of instruction by a qualified handgun instructor;

(ii) classroom instruction on:

1. State firearm law;

2. home firearm safety; and

3. handgun mechanisms and operation; and

(iii) a firearms orientation component that demonstrates the person's safe operation and handling of a firearm; and

(4) based on an investigation, is not prohibited by federal or State law from purchasing or possessing a handgun.

(e) An applicant for a handgun qualification license is not required to complete a firearms safety training course under subsection (d) of this section if the applicant:

(1) has completed a certified firearms training course approved by the Secretary;

(2) has completed a course of instruction in competency and safety in the handling of firearms prescribed by the Department of Natural Resources under § 10-301.1 of the Natural Resources Article;

(3) is a qualified handgun instructor;

(4) is an honorably discharged member of the armed forces of the United States or the National Guard;

(5) is an employee of an armored car company and has a permit issued under Title 5, Subtitle 3 of this article; [or]

1 **(6) IS A QUALIFIED RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, AS**
2 **DEFINED UNDER THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS SAFETY ACT, 18 U.S.C. §**
3 **926C;**

4 **(7) IS AN ACTIVE OR RETIRED CORRECTIONAL OFFICER, SHERIFF, OR**
5 **DEPUTY SHERIFF WHO HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED AN INITIAL CORRECTIONAL**
6 **OFFICER, SHERIFF, OR DEPUTY SHERIFF FIREARMS TRAINING COURSE APPROVED**
7 **BY THE SECRETARY; OR**

8 **[(6)] (8)** lawfully owns a regulated firearm.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 October 1, 2020.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.