

# HOUSE BILL 758

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Handgun Permit – Church or Religious Organization Property**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a person who has the consent of a certain church or  
4 religious organization to carry a handgun on the property of the church or religious  
5 organization during certain events and has the intent to wear, carry, or transport a  
6 handgun for certain purposes on the property of the church or religious organization  
7 to, without a permit, carry a handgun on the property of the church or religious  
8 organization during certain events and transport a handgun to and from certain  
9 church or religious organization events; and generally relating to permits to carry,  
10 wear, or transport a handgun.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Public Safety  
13 Section 5–303  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2017 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**

19 5–303.

20 (A) **[A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION,** A person  
21 shall have a permit issued under this subtitle before the person carries, wears, or transports  
22 a handgun.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(B) A PERSON WHO HAS THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE GOVERNING BOARD**  
2 **OF A BONA FIDE CHURCH OR RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION TO CARRY A HANDGUN ON**  
3 **THE PROPERTY OF THE CHURCH OR RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION DURING SERVICES**  
4 **AND GATHERINGS AND HAS THE INTENT TO WEAR, CARRY, OR TRANSPORT A**  
5 **HANDGUN FOR PURPOSES RELATED TO SELF-PROTECTION OR THE PROTECTION OF**  
6 **OTHERS WHILE ON THE PROPERTY OF THE CHURCH OR RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION**  
7 **MAY, WITHOUT A PERMIT:**

8                   **(1) CARRY A HANDGUN ON THE PROPERTY OF THE CHURCH OR**  
9 **RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION DURING SERVICES AND GATHERINGS; AND**

10                   **(2) TRANSPORT A HANDGUN TO AND FROM SERVICES AND**  
11 **GATHERINGS OF THE CHURCH OR RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION.**

12           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
13 October 1, 2018.