

# SENATE BILL 422

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By: **Senators Young, Lam, and Rosapepe**  
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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Firearms – Permit to Carry, Wear, or Transport – Required Courses**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a person to whom a permit to carry, wear, or transport a  
4 handgun has been issued to successfully complete each calendar year certain courses  
5 approved by the Secretary of State Police; exempting certain persons from the  
6 requirement to complete certain courses under certain circumstances; authorizing  
7 the Secretary to revoke a permit if a person fails to successfully complete certain  
8 courses; requiring a person to return the permit to the Secretary within a certain  
9 period if the Secretary revokes the permit under certain circumstances; authorizing  
10 the Secretary to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to handgun  
11 permits.

12 BY adding to  
13 Article – Public Safety  
14 Section 5–306.1  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
18 Article – Public Safety  
19 Section 5–310  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

24 **Article – Public Safety**

25 **5–306.1.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(A) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A**  
2 **PERSON TO WHOM A PERMIT IS ISSUED OR RENEWED SHALL SUCCESSFULLY**  
3 **COMPLETE ON SEPARATE DAYS EACH CALENDAR YEAR:**

4                   **(I) A COURSE ON SITUATIONAL AWARENESS APPROVED BY THE**  
5 **SECRETARY; AND**

6                   **(II) A COURSE ON THE COMPETENT HANDLING OF A FIREARM**  
7 **APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY.**

8           **(2) A PERSON TO WHOM A PERMIT IS ISSUED OR RENEWED IS NOT**  
9 **REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE COURSES REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS**  
10 **SUBSECTION IF THE PERSON IS:**

11                   **(I) AN ACTIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WITH A LAW**  
12 **ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES, THE STATE, OR ANY LOCAL LAW**  
13 **ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN THE STATE; OR**

14                   **(II) A QUALIFIED HANDGUN INSTRUCTOR.**

15           **(B) THE SECRETARY MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT**  
16 **THIS SECTION.**

17 5–310.

18           (a) The Secretary may revoke a permit on a finding that the holder:

19                   (1) does not meet the qualifications described in § 5–306 OR § 5–306.1 of  
20 this subtitle; or

21                   (2) violated § 5–308 of this subtitle.

22           (b) A holder of a permit that is revoked by the Secretary shall return the permit  
23 to the Secretary within 10 days after receipt of written notice of the revocation.

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