

SENATE BILL 456

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By: **Senator Bailey**

Introduced and read first time: January 27, 2022

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Firearms – Handgun Qualification License – Firearms Orientation Component**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that a firearms orientation component of a certain firearms
4 safety training course required for a certain handgun qualification license may
5 include the use of live or inert ammunition; prohibiting a person from being required
6 to fire rounds of live ammunition for a certain firearms orientation component; and
7 generally relating to firearms.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Public Safety

10 Section 5–117.1(d)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Public Safety**

16 5–117.1.

17 (d) **(1)** Subject to subsections (f) and (g) of this section, the Secretary shall
18 issue a handgun qualification license to a person who the Secretary finds:

19 **[(1)] (I)** is at least 21 years old;

20 **[(2)] (II)** is a resident of the State;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

4 [(i)] 1. a minimum of 4 hours of instruction by a qualified
5 handgun instructor;

6 [(ii)] 2. classroom instruction on:

7 [1.] A. State firearm law;

8 [2.] B. home firearm safety; and

9 [3.] C. handgun mechanisms and operation; and

10 [(iii)] 3. a firearms orientation component that:

11 A. demonstrates the person's safe operation and handling of
12 a firearm; and

13 B. **MAY INCLUDE THE USE OF LIVE OR INERT**
14 **AMMUNITION; AND**

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

17 **(2) A PERSON MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO FIRE ROUNDS OF LIVE**
18 **AMMUNITION AS PART OF THE FIREARMS ORIENTATION COMPONENT UNDER**
19 **PARAGRAPH (1)(III)3 OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 October 1, 2022.