

# HOUSE BILL 735

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Regulated Firearms and Ammunition – Transport Through State**

3 FOR the purpose of specifying that a person who is not a resident of the State and who is  
4 not prohibited from possessing a regulated firearm or ammunition for a regulated  
5 firearm in the person's state of residence may transport a regulated firearm or  
6 ammunition for a regulated firearm through the State to another state under certain  
7 circumstances; requiring a person who transports a regulated firearm or  
8 ammunition for a regulated firearm under certain circumstances to transport the  
9 firearm or ammunition in a certain manner; and generally relating to regulated  
10 firearms and transport through the State.

11 BY adding to

12 Article – Public Safety

13 Section 5–147

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 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 **5–147.**

20 **(A) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW AND SUBJECT TO**  
21 **SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON WHO IS NOT A RESIDENT OF THE STATE**  
22 **AND WHO IS NOT PROHIBITED FROM POSSESSING A REGULATED FIREARM OR**  
23 **AMMUNITION FOR A REGULATED FIREARM IN THE PERSON'S STATE OF RESIDENCE**  
24 **MAY TRANSPORT A REGULATED FIREARM OR AMMUNITION FOR A REGULATED**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 FIREARM THROUGH THE STATE TO ANOTHER STATE WHERE THE PERSON IS NOT  
2 PROHIBITED FROM POSSESSING A REGULATED FIREARM OR AMMUNITION FOR A  
3 REGULATED FIREARM.

4 (B) (1) A REGULATED FIREARM BEING TRANSPORTED THROUGH THE  
5 STATE BY A PERSON WHO IS NOT A RESIDENT OF THE STATE MAY NOT BE:

6 (I) LOADED WITH AMMUNITION; AND

7 (II) READILY OR DIRECTLY ACCESSIBLE FROM THE PASSENGER  
8 COMPARTMENT OF THE TRANSPORTING VEHICLE OR VESSEL.

9 (2) A PERSON UNDER THIS SECTION WHO TRANSPORTS A REGULATED  
10 FIREARM OR AMMUNITION FOR A REGULATED FIREARM IN A VEHICLE OR VESSEL  
11 THAT DOES NOT HAVE A COMPARTMENT SEPARATE FROM THE DRIVER'S  
12 COMPARTMENT SHALL TRANSPORT THE FIREARM OR AMMUNITION IN A LOCKED  
13 CONTAINER OTHER THAN THE GLOVE COMPARTMENT OR CONSOLE OF THE VEHICLE  
14 OR VESSEL.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
16 October 1, 2015.