

HOUSE BILL 875

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Firearms – Handgun Qualification License – Firearms Safety Training**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that a certain firearms safety training course
4 include a certain firearms orientation component; requiring the Secretary of State
5 Police to adopt regulations that allow an applicant for a certain handgun
6 qualification license to receive online all necessary instruction from a firearms safety
7 training course required to be completed; and 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 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2016 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 I 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; AND

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)]~~ a firearms orientation component that demonstrates the person's
11 safe operation and handling of a firearm; and]

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

14 **(2) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT ALLOW AN**
15 **APPLICANT TO RECEIVE ONLINE ALL NECESSARY INSTRUCTION FROM THE**
16 **FIREARMS SAFETY TRAINING COURSE DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1)(III) OF THIS**
17 **SUBSECTION.**

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, 2017.