

# SENATE BILL 15

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By: **Senator Bailey**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Firearms – Handgun Permit – Notice of Expiration and Renewal Instructions**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of State Police to provide a certain notice of the  
4 impending expiration of a certain handgun permit and certain renewal instructions  
5 to a holder of a certain handgun permit at a certain time; providing for the  
6 termination of this Act; and generally relating to handgun permits.

7 Preamble

8 WHEREAS, As of October 1, 2019, the Maryland State Police require all Maryland  
9 wear and carry handgun permit applications (original, renewal, and subsequent) and  
10 requests (modification and replacement) to be submitted online through the Maryland  
11 State Police Licensing Portal; and

12 WHEREAS, A handgun permit, without special accommodation, expires on the last  
13 day of the permit holder's birth month following 2 years after the date the handgun permit  
14 is issued; and

15 WHEREAS, All handgun permit applicants who filed a paper handgun permit  
16 application submitted on or before October 1, 2019, will not receive an electronic notice  
17 alerting the holder of the handgun permit's impending expiration or the instructions on  
18 how to submit a handgun permit renewal application online through the Licensing Portal;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Any paper handgun permit application submitted on or after October 1,  
21 2019, is no longer accepted by the Maryland State Police and is returned to the handgun  
22 permit applicant with the instructions on how to submit the handgun permit application  
23 online through the Licensing Portal; and

24 WHEREAS, There are handgun permit holders in the State who filed a paper

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 application on or before October 1, 2019, who require notice of the impending expiration of  
2 the handgun permit and the instructions on how to submit a handgun permit application  
3 online through the Licensing Portal; now, therefore,

4 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
5 That the Secretary of State Police shall mail a postcard that provides written notice of a  
6 handgun permit's impending expiration and the instructions on how to submit a renewal  
7 handgun permit application online through the Maryland State Police Licensing Portal to  
8 a holder of a handgun permit at least 60 days before the expiration of the permit if:

9 (1) the holder of the handgun permit filed a paper handgun permit  
10 application; and

11 (2) the paper handgun permit application was filed on or before October 1,  
12 2019.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
14 1, 2021. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2023,  
15 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and  
16 of no further force and effect.