

SENATE BILL 880

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By: **Senators Bailey and Hough**

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2020

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Firearms – Dealer’s License and Handgun Permit – Notice of Expiration**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of State Police to provide a certain notice to a
4 certain firearms dealer of the impending expiration of a certain license at a certain
5 time; requiring the Secretary to provide a certain notice to the holder of a certain
6 handgun permit of the impending expiration of the permit at a certain time; and
7 generally relating to firearms.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Public Safety

10 Section 5–111 and 5–309

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 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 5–111.

17 (a) Unless a dealer’s license is renewed for a 1–year term as provided in this
18 section, a dealer’s license expires on the first June 30 after its effective date.

19 (b) (1) Before a dealer’s license expires, the licensee periodically may renew it
20 for an additional 1–year term, if the licensee:

21 (i) is otherwise entitled to be licensed;

22 (ii) pays to the Secretary a renewal fee of \$25, payable to the
23 Comptroller; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (iii) submits to the Secretary a renewal application on the form that
2 the Secretary provides.

3 (2) A refund or proration of the renewal fee is prohibited.

4 **(C) AT LEAST 60 DAYS BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF A DEALER'S LICENSE,**
5 **THE SECRETARY SHALL MAIL WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE IMPENDING EXPIRATION TO**
6 **THE LICENSEE.**

7 5-309.

8 (a) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, a permit expires on the
9 last day of the holder's birth month following 2 years after the date the permit is issued.

10 (b) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, a permit may be renewed for
11 successive periods of 3 years each if, at the time of an application for renewal, the applicant
12 possesses the qualifications for the issuance of a permit and pays the renewal fee stated in
13 this subtitle.

14 (c) A person who applies for a renewal of a permit is not required to be
15 fingerprinted unless the Secretary requires a set of the person's fingerprints to resolve a
16 question of the person's identity.

17 (d) The Secretary may establish an alternative expiration date for a permit to
18 coincide with the expiration of a license, certification, or commission for:

19 (1) a private detective under Title 13 of the Business Occupations and
20 Professions Article;

21 (2) a security guard under Title 19 of the Business Occupations and
22 Professions Article; or

23 (3) a special police officer under § 3-306 of this article.

24 **(E) AT LEAST 60 DAYS BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF A PERMIT, THE**
25 **SECRETARY SHALL MAIL WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE IMPENDING EXPIRATION TO THE**
26 **HOLDER OF THE PERMIT.**

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