

# HOUSE BILL 743

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Handgun Permits – Firearms Training Course – Renewal Application**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the requirements for a firearms training course that an  
4 applicant for renewal of a permit to carry, wear, or transport a handgun must  
5 successfully complete; and generally relating to permits to carry, wear, or transport  
6 a handgun.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Public Safety

9 Section 5–306(a)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Public Safety**

15 5–306.

16 (a) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, the Secretary shall issue a permit  
17 within a reasonable time to a person who the Secretary finds:

18 (1) is an adult;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) (i) has not been convicted of a felony or of a misdemeanor for which  
2 a sentence of imprisonment for more than 1 year has been imposed; or

3 (ii) if convicted of a crime described in item (i) of this item, has been  
4 pardoned or has been granted relief under 18 U.S.C. § 925(c);

5 (3) has not been convicted of a crime involving the possession, use, or  
6 distribution of a controlled dangerous substance;

7 (4) is not presently an alcoholic, addict, or habitual user of a controlled  
8 dangerous substance unless the habitual use of the controlled dangerous substance is under  
9 legitimate medical direction;

10 (5) except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, has successfully  
11 completed prior to application and each renewal, a firearms training course approved by  
12 the Secretary that includes:

13 (i) [1.] for an initial application[.]:

14 1. a minimum of 16 hours of instruction by a qualified  
15 handgun instructor; [or

16 2. for a renewal application, 8 hours of instruction by a  
17 qualified handgun instructor;

18 (ii) 2. classroom instruction on:

19 [1.] A. State firearm law;

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

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

22 [(iii)] 3. a firearms qualification component that demonstrates the  
23 applicant's proficiency and use of the firearm; [and] OR

24 (II) FOR A RENEWAL APPLICATION, A 2-HOUR ONLINE  
25 REFRESHER COURSE; AND

26 (6) based on an investigation:

27 (i) has not exhibited a propensity for violence or instability that may  
28 reasonably render the person's possession of a handgun a danger to the person or to  
29 another; and

1                           (ii) has good and substantial reason to wear, carry, or transport a  
2 handgun, such as a finding that the permit is necessary as a reasonable precaution against  
3 apprehended danger.

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