

SENATE BILL 327

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By: **Senators Hough, Bailey, Carozza, Cassilly, Eckardt, Edwards, Gallion,
Hershey, Jennings, Ready, Reilly, Salling, Simonaire, and West**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Handgun Qualification License – Training Exemption**

3 FOR the purpose of exempting an applicant who is a law enforcement officer with a law
4 enforcement agency in a certain state or Washington, D.C. from the firearms safety
5 training course requirement for a handgun qualification license; and generally
6 relating to handgun qualification licenses.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – Public Safety

9 Section 5–117.1(d)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – Public Safety

14 Section 5–117.1(e)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Public Safety**

20 5–117.1.

21 (d) Subject to subsections (f) and (g) of this section, the Secretary shall issue a
22 handgun qualification license to a person who the Secretary finds:

23 (1) is at least 21 years old;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) is a resident of the State;

2 (3) except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, has demonstrated
3 satisfactory completion, within 3 years prior to the submission of the application, of a
4 firearms safety training course approved by the Secretary that includes:

5 (i) a minimum of 4 hours of instruction by a qualified handgun
6 instructor;

7 (ii) classroom instruction on:

8 1. State firearm law;

9 2. home firearm safety; and

10 3. handgun mechanisms and operation; and

11 (iii) a firearms orientation component that demonstrates the person's
12 safe operation and handling of a firearm; and

13 (4) based on an investigation, is not prohibited by federal or State law from
14 purchasing or possessing a handgun.

15 (e) An applicant for a handgun qualification license is not required to complete a
16 firearms safety training course under subsection (d) of this section if the applicant:

17 (1) has completed a certified firearms training course approved by the
18 Secretary;

19 (2) has completed a course of instruction in competency and safety in the
20 handling of firearms prescribed by the Department of Natural Resources under § 10-301.1
21 of the Natural Resources Article;

22 (3) is a qualified handgun instructor;

23 (4) is an honorably discharged member of the armed forces of the United
24 States or the National Guard;

25 (5) is an employee of an armored car company and has a permit issued
26 under Title 5, Subtitle 3 of this article; [or]

27 (6) lawfully owns a regulated firearm[.]; OR

28 **(7) IS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WITH A LAW ENFORCEMENT**
29 **AGENCY IN DELAWARE, PENNSYLVANIA, VIRGINIA, WEST VIRGINIA, OR**

1 WASHINGTON, D.C.

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