

HOUSE BILL 842

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Honorably Discharged Veterans – Handgun Permits

FOR the purpose of providing that an honorably discharged member of the armed forces of the United States or the National Guard is not required to possess a certain handgun qualification license in order to purchase, rent, or receive a certain handgun under certain circumstances; providing that a certain veteran may use a certain form to demonstrate that the veteran is not required to complete a certain certified firearms training course; and generally relating to firearms.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 5–117.1(c) and 5–306(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Public Safety

5–117.1.

(c) A person may purchase, rent, or receive a handgun only if the person:

(1) (i) possesses a valid handgun qualification license issued to the person by the Secretary in accordance with this section;

(ii) possesses valid credentials from a law enforcement agency or retirement credentials from a law enforcement agency;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(iii) is an active, **AN HONORABLY DISCHARGED**, or A retired member of the armed forces of the United States or the National Guard and possesses a valid military identification card, **INCLUDING A VALID DD FORM 214, CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE OR DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE DUTY**; or

(iv) is purchasing, renting, or receiving an antique, curio, or relic firearm, as defined in federal law or in determinations published by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; and

(2) is not otherwise prohibited from purchasing or possessing a handgun under State or federal law.

5-306.

(b) **(1)** An applicant for a permit is not required to complete a certified firearms training course under subsection (a) of this section if the applicant:

[(1)] (I) is a law enforcement officer or a person who is retired in good standing from service with a law enforcement agency of the United States, the State, or any local law enforcement agency in the State;

[(2)] (II) is a member, retired member, or honorably discharged member of the armed forces of the United States or the National Guard;

[(3)] (III) is a qualified handgun instructor; or

[(4)] (IV) has completed a firearms training course approved by the Secretary.

(2) A RETIRED OR AN HONORABLY DISCHARGED MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES OR THE NATIONAL GUARD MAY USE A VALID DD FORM 214, CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE OR DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE DUTY, TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE APPLICANT IS NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A CERTIFIED FIREARMS TRAINING COURSE UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

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