

HOUSE BILL 1241

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By: **Delegate Cox**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2020

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Firearms – Law Enforcement – Patrol Responsibilities**
3 **(Retail Firearm Business Protection Act)**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain law enforcement agencies to collaborate with certain
5 retail firearm businesses to establish a policy for monitoring and inspecting the
6 businesses during certain patrols under certain circumstances; defining a certain
7 term; and generally relating to firearms.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Public Safety

10 Section 5–113.1

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

13 Preamble

14 WHEREAS, Maryland has a robust business climate; and

15 WHEREAS, Retail firearm businesses in Maryland are in need of added security and
16 protection, particularly after business hours; and

17 WHEREAS, It is the intent of the General Assembly to ensure retail firearm
18 businesses in the State receive the necessary cooperation and coordination with law
19 enforcement to protect the businesses from burglaries, break-ins, and theft; and

20 WHEREAS, It is therefore the purpose of this bill to reduce firearm theft and
21 increase the safety of the communities by increasing cooperation and coordination with law
22 enforcement and requiring regularly at least one nightly patrol of each retail firearm
23 business after hours within each jurisdiction by county and municipal police departments,
24 in the jurisdiction where the retail firearm business is located; now, therefore,

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – Public Safety**

4 **5–113.1.**

5 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “RETAIL FIREARM BUSINESS” MEANS A BUSINESS
6 THAT SELLS FIREARMS, INCLUDING REGULATED FIREARMS.

7 (B) EACH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL COLLABORATE WITH
8 EACH RETAIL FIREARM BUSINESS IN THE JURISDICTION OF THE LOCAL LAW
9 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY TO ESTABLISH A POLICY FOR PROVIDING AT LEAST ONE
10 PATROL BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER EACH NIGHT DURING NONBUSINESS
11 HOURS TO MONITOR AND INSPECT THE RETAIL FIREARM BUSINESS.

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