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E41 lr 0 674SB 198/20 - JPR(PRE-FILED) By: Senators Hough, Bailey, Carozza, Corderman, Eckardt, Edwards, Gallion, Hershey, Ready, Salling, and Simonaire Requested: September 21, 2020 Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2021 Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings A BILL ENTITLED AN ACT concerning Public Safety - Permit to Carry, Wear, or Transport a Handgun - Qualifications FOR the purpose of clarifying that personal protection or self-defense can qualify as a good and substantial reason to carry, wear, or transport a handgun for purposes of the issuance by the Secretary of State Police of a permit to carry, wear, or transport a handgun; and generally relating to a permit to carry, wear, or transport a handgun. BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article – Public Safety Section 5–301(a) and (c) Annotated Code of Maryland (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement) BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Public Safety Section 5–306(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement) SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: Article - Public Safety 5-301. In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated. (a)

"Permit" means a permit issued by the Secretary to carry, wear, or transport

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

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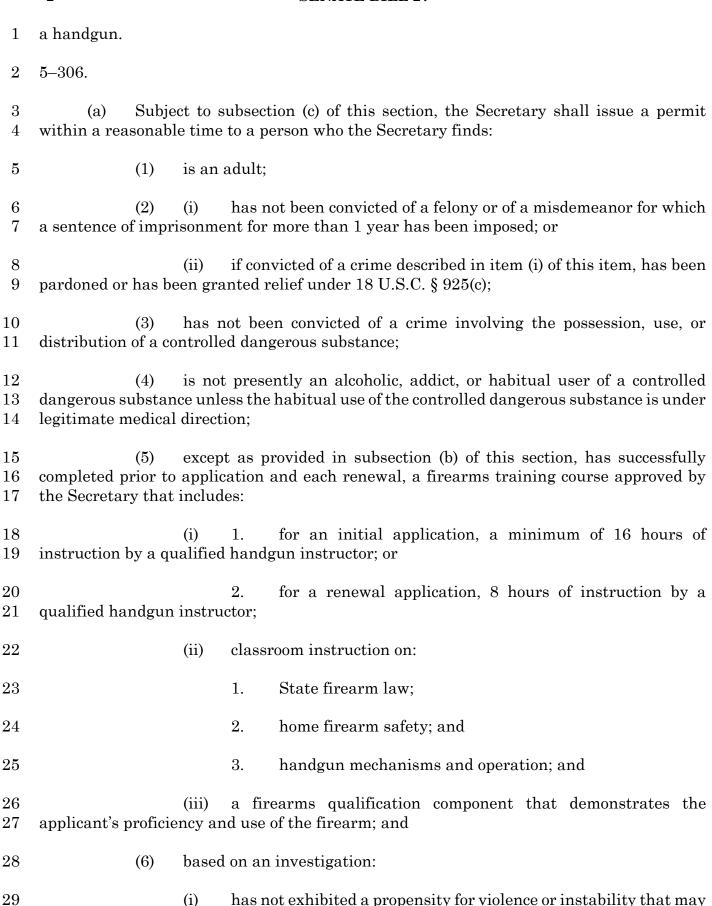
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reasonably render the person's possession of a handgun a danger to the person or to

- 1 another; and
- 2 (ii) has good and substantial reason to wear, carry, or transport a
- 3 handgun, such as PERSONAL PROTECTION, SELF-DEFENSE, OR a finding that the
- 4 permit is necessary as a reasonable precaution against apprehended danger.
- 5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 6 October 1, 2021.