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**Senate Bill 880 – Firearms – Dealer's License and Handgun Permit – Notice of Expiration**

Dear Chairman Smith and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to introduce Senate Bill 880 – Firearms – Dealer's License and Handgun Permit – Notice of Expiration. Senate Bill 880 requires the Secretary of State Police to provide notice to a holder of a firearms dealer's license and to a holder of a handgun permit of the impending expiration of the dealer's license or handgun permit at least 60 days before the expiration of the license or permit.

This issue was brought to me by a constituent who held a handgun permit. He received no notification before the expiration of his permit, and the permit expired. As a result, he and anyone else whose handgun permit expires must go through the entire application process again as if they are being issued a new permit. In the process of drafting this bill to address this issue, I also learned that holders of a firearm dealer's license also is not informed before the expiration of their licenses. There are nearly 27,000 handgun permit holders in the State of Maryland. These permits do not all expire at the same time; some expire after two years and some expire after three years. I am aware that the State Police's systems are now automated, but that does nothing for the nearly 27,000 permit holders who expire during the next three calendar years.

The state currently provides a renewal notice for other licenses that are issued by the state such as Driver's Licenses, car registrations, trailer registrations, and boat registrations. I believe that holders of handgun permits and dealer's licenses should be afforded the same notice.

I respectfully request a favorable report on Senate Bill 880. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Bailey".

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