

OPPOSE HB1257

Public Safety - Licensed Firearms Dealers

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This bill would create incredible financial burdens on firearms dealers, that will necessarily have to be passed on to the consumer, us. Isn't it bad enough that I'm going to have to pay to upgrade my gun safes to some impossible standard under HB636?

The state is also going to have to invest significant resources into checking compliance of all these new requirements...otherwise, they just won't be followed. Somebody has to look at all the videos, right? Those are resources that could be much more effectively used fighting crime elsewhere in Maryland.

I'm confused about whether the insurance requirement could even work. Is it possible for a company to be held liable for the actions of their customers (especially after such exhaustive background checks and regulations)? Would not the state, which allowed the sale to happen, carry some liability? If insurance can work that way, why aren't we requiring it for car dealers, so I don't have to keep paying GEICO every month?

Firearms dealers are *Federal* Firearms Licensees (FFLs). Let the feds regulate them, as they have been, with *federal* resources. Put Maryland's resources to better use going after the bad guys, for once.

Thank you.