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The Honorable Will Smith, Chairman and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee

RE: SB 102 - Public Safety - Handgun Permits - Expiration and Renewal Periods for Retired Law Enforcement Officer

POSITION: SUPPORT

The MTA supports SB 102 which creates alternative expiration and renewal periods for a handgun permit for retired law enforcement officers.

Troopers devote their lives to serving the people of Maryland and this legislation creates a simpler process for handgun renewal. Not only does it eliminate a burden on those who continue to protect our state, it also eliminates a burden on the licensing department. Our retired police in good standing appreciate the trust from Marylanders and the consideration for this renewal process to be extended to every 5 years. Several other states follow the 5-year expiration process and Maryland would simply be catching up to that standard.

We strongly support SB 102 and urge a favorable report.

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