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House Bill 779
Handgun Qualification Licenses – Personally Identifying Information –
Deletion and Destruction
FAVORABLE with AMENDMENT

The provisions of House Bill 779 will become effective only in the event the Courts issue a final order declaring the existing Maryland Handgun Qualification License statutes to be in violation of the United States Constitution.

Upon the Court’s final order, this bill requires the Maryland State Police and/or its subcontractor reprogram the software and purge the system database of all personally identifying information. The fiscal note indicates a cost estimate of \$300,000 to reprogram the system software to achieve this goal.

2A Maryland recommends the Bill language be amended to simply require the deletion of the entire database. This action is more logical and appropriate as it will involve little time and negligible cost. Without personally identifying information, the remaining data is of little use.

We support a favorable report on House Bill 779 with the amendments noted above.

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