

HB0659

I stand in full support of this timely bill.

Current, Maryland law states that the theft of a firearm valued at ***less than*** \$1,500 is a mere misdemeanor and only reaches the threshold of a felony if the value of a stolen firearm is \$1,500 or **more**. But, I ask, what mayhem can a criminal with a stolen \$2,000 firearm commit that a criminal with a stolen \$200 firearm can't?

The penalty for stealing **any** firearm should be a felony and can carry the same penalties and for this reason, we ask that this bill receive a favorable review.

I stand ready for any pertinent questions.