



**House Bill 583
Center for Firearm Violence Prevention**

UNFAVORABLE

While we applaud efforts to reduce violent crime, the Maryland State Rifle & Pistol Association (MSRPA) opposes HB 583 and the spending of taxpayer dollars especially when the State is facing a \$1.1 billion deficit. A fiscal note has yet to be published and Maryland citizens should not have to bear the burden of unknown expense and debt.

The bill is vaguely worded and insufficiently detailed for definitive interpretation. In addition, it creates a bureaucratic office with no legislative oversight or checks on its actions or authority.

The members of the MSRPA are willing and able to contribute to the state's efforts to identify meaningful ways to prevent violent crime and protect Maryland citizens. Why not invite the pro-Second Amendment community to participate?

As currently written, the MSRPA respectfully requests an Unfavorable report on HB 583 Center for Firearm Violence Prevention.

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The MSRPA is the official National Rifle Association state organization for Maryland. The MSRPA's mission is to defend our rights in Maryland, support training in firearm safety and shooting skills through its affiliated clubs, and sponsor and sanction local competition throughout the state.