

HOUSE BILL 779

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Handgun Qualification Licenses – Personally Identifying Information – Deletion**
3 **and Destruction**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Attorney General to give notice to the Secretary of State
5 Police that a certain court has issued a certain order relating to the requirement to
6 possess a valid handgun qualification license before a person may purchase, rent, or
7 receive a handgun; requiring the Secretary to permanently delete or destroy certain
8 personally identifying information under certain circumstances; and generally
9 relating to the deletion and destruction of personally identifying information relating
10 to handgun qualification licenses.

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
12 That:

13 (a) In this section, “personally identifying information” means information that
14 reveals the identity or specific location or residence of an individual.

15 (b) Within 5 business days after the Attorney General determines that a court of
16 competent jurisdiction has issued a final order not subject to appeal or other additional
17 judicial review that the State may not require a person to possess a valid handgun
18 qualification license issued by the Secretary of State Police before the person may purchase,
19 rent, or receive a handgun, the Attorney General shall notify the Secretary of State Police
20 in writing that the order has been issued.

21 (c) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Secretary of State Police,
22 within 90 days after the Attorney General gives notice under subsection (b) of this section,
23 shall permanently delete or destroy all personally identifying information that the
24 Secretary has received or otherwise acquired from applications for and the issuance of
25 handgun qualification licenses under Title 5, Subtitle 1 of the Public Safety Article.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) Paragraph (1) of this subsection does not apply to personally identifying
2 information that is evidence of a crime.

3 (d) Within 30 days after the deletion and destruction of personally identifying
4 information as required by subsection (c) of this section, the Secretary shall report to the
5 General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, that the
6 Secretary has complied with the requirements of this section.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
8 1, 2024.