

**SENATE BILL 60**  
**EMERGENCY BILL**

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By: **Chairman, Judicial Proceedings Committee (Departmental - State  
Police, Dept. of)**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Handgun Permits - Exception - Law Enforcement**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding the list of law enforcement officers exempt from  
4 handgun permit requirements; making this Act an emergency measure; making  
5 certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to wearing, carrying, or  
6 transporting a handgun.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
9 Section 36B(c)(1)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

15 36B.

16 (c) (1) Nothing in this section shall prevent the wearing, carrying, or  
17 transporting of a handgun by:

18 (i) [law-enforcement] LAW ENFORCEMENT personnel of [the]:

19 1. THE United States[, or of this];

20 2. THIS State, or of any county or city of this State; OR

21 3. THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA IF THEY ARE RESIDENTS OF  
22 THIS STATE;

23 (ii) [members] MEMBERS of the armed forces of the United States  
24 or of the National Guard while on duty or traveling to or from duty;

1 (iii) [law-enforcement] LAW ENFORCEMENT personnel of some  
2 other state or subdivision thereof temporarily in this State on official business;

3 (iv) [any] ANY jailer, prison guard, warden, or guard or keeper at  
4 any penal, correctional or detention institution in this State; or

5 (v) [sheriffs] SHERIFFS and temporary or full-time sheriffs'  
6 deputies, as to all of whom this exception shall apply only when they are on active  
7 assignment engaged in law enforcement; provided, that any such person mentioned in  
8 this paragraph is duly authorized at the time and under the circumstances he is  
9 wearing, carrying, or transporting the weapon to wear, carry, or transport such  
10 weapon as part of his official equipment.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an  
12 emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health  
13 and safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the  
14 members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take  
15 effect from the date it is enacted.