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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Declaration of Rights - Right to Keep and Bear Arms**

3 FOR the purpose of adding a new article to the Maryland Constitution to establish a
4 constitutional guarantee of the right to keep and bear arms for certain purposes;
5 and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland
6 for their adoption or rejection.

7 BY proposing an addition to the Maryland Constitution
8 Declaration of Rights
9 Article 48

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
11 MARYLAND, (Three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses
12 concurring), That it be proposed that the Maryland Constitution read as follows:

13 **Declaration of Rights**

14 ARTICLE 48.

15 A CITIZEN HAS THE RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS FOR THE DEFENSE OF
16 SELF, FAMILY, HOME, AND STATE, AND FOR HUNTING AND RECREATIONAL USE.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the General Assembly
18 determines that the amendment to the Maryland Constitution proposed by this Act
19 affects multiple jurisdictions and that the provisions of Article XIV, § 1 of the
20 Maryland Constitution concerning local approval of constitutional amendments do
21 not apply.

22 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the foregoing section
23 proposed as an amendment to the Maryland Constitution shall be submitted to the
24 legal and qualified voters of this State at the next general election to be held in
25 November, 2006 for their adoption or rejection in pursuance of directions contained in

1 Article XIV of the Maryland Constitution. At that general election, the vote on this
2 proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot
3 there shall be printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendment" and "Against
4 the Constitutional Amendment," as now provided by law. Immediately after the
5 election, all returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against the
6 proposed amendment, as directed by Article XIV of the Maryland Constitution, and
7 further proceedings had in accordance with Article XIV.