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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety - Handgun Permits - Repeal of Finding Requirement**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that the Secretary of State Police find
4 that a person has a good and substantial reason to wear, carry, or transport a
5 handgun before issuing a certain handgun permit to the person; and generally
6 relating to the issuing of handgun permits by the Secretary of State Police.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Public Safety
9 Section 5-306
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2003 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Public Safety**

15 5-306.

16 (a) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, the Secretary shall issue a permit
17 within a reasonable time to a person who the Secretary finds:

18 (1) is an adult;

19 (2) (i) has not been convicted of a felony or of a misdemeanor for which
20 a sentence of imprisonment for more than 1 year has been imposed; or

21 (ii) if convicted of a crime described in item (i) of this item, has been
22 pardoned or has been granted relief under 18 U.S.C. § 925(c);

23 (3) has not been convicted of a crime involving the possession, use, or
24 distribution of a controlled dangerous substance;

1 (4) is not presently an alcoholic, addict, or habitual user of a controlled
2 dangerous substance unless the habitual use of the controlled dangerous substance is
3 under legitimate medical direction; and

4 (5) based on an investigation[:

5 (i)] , has not exhibited a propensity for violence or instability that
6 may reasonably render the person's possession of a handgun a danger to the person or
7 to another[; and

8 (ii) has good and substantial reason to wear, carry, or transport a
9 handgun, such as a finding that the permit is necessary as a reasonable precaution
10 against apprehended danger].

11 (b) An applicant under the age of 30 years is qualified only if the Secretary
12 finds that the applicant has not been:

13 (1) committed to a detention, training, or correctional institution for
14 juveniles for longer than 1 year after an adjudication of delinquency by a juvenile
15 court; or

16 (2) adjudicated delinquent by a juvenile court for:

17 (i) an act that would be a crime of violence if committed by an
18 adult;

19 (ii) an act that would be a felony in this State if committed by an
20 adult; or

21 (iii) an act that would be a misdemeanor in this State that carries a
22 statutory penalty of more than 2 years if committed by an adult.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 2006.