

HOUSE BILL 306

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Handgun Permit Application Fee – Waiver for State Judges**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Secretary of State Police or the Secretary's
4 designee from charging a sitting judge of the Court of Appeals, the Court of
5 Special Appeals, the circuit court of a county, or the District Court a fee to apply
6 for a handgun permit; and generally relating to handgun permits.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Public Safety
9 Section 5–304
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2003 Volume and 2007 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 5–304.

16 (a) An application for a permit shall be made under oath.

17 (b) (1) Subject to subsections (c) and (d) of this section, the Secretary may
18 charge a nonrefundable fee payable when an application is filed for a permit.

19 (2) The fee may not exceed:

20 (i) \$75 for an initial application;

21 (ii) \$50 for a renewal or subsequent application; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (iii) \$10 for a duplicate or modified permit.

2 (3) The fees under this subsection are in addition to the fees
3 authorized under § 5-305 of this subtitle.

4 (c) The Secretary may reduce the fee under subsection (b) of this section
5 accordingly for a permit that is granted for one day only and at one place only.

6 (d) The Secretary may not charge a fee under subsection (b) of this section to:

7 (1) a State, county, or municipal public safety employee who is
8 required to carry, wear, or transport a handgun as a condition of governmental
9 employment; [or]

10 (2) a retired law enforcement officer of the State or a county or
11 municipal corporation of the State; **OR**

12 **(3) A SITTING JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, THE COURT OF**
13 **SPECIAL APPEALS, THE CIRCUIT COURT OF A COUNTY, OR THE DISTRICT**
14 **COURT.**

15 (e) The applicant may pay a fee under this section by a personal check,
16 business check, certified check, or money order.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2008.