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Senate Bill 914

(Senator Muse)

Judicial Proceedings

Judiciary

Handgun Roster Board - Membership

This bill alters membership provisions for the Handgun Roster Board by providing that one member must be a representative of an organization that advocates against handgun violence, rather than a representative of the Marylanders Against Handgun Abuse.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill's changes could be accommodated with the existing budgeted resources of the Maryland State Police.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Handgun Roster Board is an 11-member entity within the Department of State Police. The Secretary of State Police serves as chairman. The board is required to review the status of personalized handgun technology and report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly on an annual basis.

The Maryland Committee for Handgun Control, Inc. was founded in 1986 in response to the 1976 shooting death of Baltimore City Councilman Dominic Leone at City Hall. Soon after its founding, the committee's board of directors changed the group's name to Marylanders Against Handgun Abuse. It is now known as CeaseFire Maryland.

Background: The Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) forfeited the corporate charters of the former CeaseFire Maryland, Inc. and the former Marylanders Against Handgun Abuse, Inc. on October 5, 2007. On January 10, 2008, SDAT confirmed acceptance of the corporate charter filings for both organizations by a group believed to represent pro-gun interests.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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