

# HOUSE BILL 1326

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Handgun Permits – Application Report**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of State Police to make a certain periodic  
4 report to the General Assembly containing certain information regarding  
5 applications for permits to carry, wear, or transport a handgun; and generally  
6 relating to permits to carry, wear, or transport a handgun.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – Public Safety

9 Section 5–301(a) and (d)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

12 BY adding to

13 Article – Public Safety

14 Section 5–315

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Public Safety**

20 **5–301**

21 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

22 (d) “Permit” means a permit issued by the Secretary to carry, wear, or transport  
23 a handgun.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **5-315.**

2 (A) (1) ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1 ANNUALLY, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
3 REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE  
4 STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE NUMBER OF PERMIT APPLICATIONS  
5 RECEIVED AND PROCESSED BY THE DEPARTMENT FROM JULY 1 THROUGH  
6 DECEMBER 31, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

7 (2) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 ANNUALLY, THE DEPARTMENT  
8 SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF  
9 THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE NUMBER OF PERMIT APPLICATIONS  
10 RECEIVED AND PROCESSED BY THE DEPARTMENT FROM JANUARY 1 THROUGH  
11 JUNE 30, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

12 (B) EACH REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION  
13 SHALL INCLUDE:

14 (1) AN ANALYSIS, ORGANIZED BY ORIGINAL APPLICATIONS, RENEWAL  
15 APPLICATIONS, AND APPLICATIONS FOR MODIFICATION, OF:

16 (I) THE NUMBER OF PERMITS APPROVED;

17 (II) THE NUMBER OF PERMITS DENIED;

18 (III) THE REASONS FOR THE APPROVAL OR DENIAL OF EACH  
19 PERMIT; AND

20 (IV) THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR WHICH A DECISION  
21 WAS NOT REACHED WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION; AND

22 (2) AN ACCOUNTING OF ALL PERMIT APPLICATION FEES COLLECTED  
23 BY THE DEPARTMENT DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
25 October 1, 2016.