

## Chapter 43

**(House Bill 92)**

AN ACT concerning

**Public Safety – Handgun Permits – Payment of Fees**

FOR the purpose of altering the manner in which an applicant for a handgun permit ~~is required to pay~~ may be required to pay a certain fee to allow ~~any method of~~ for payment by *electronic check*, *credit card*, or a method of online payment approved by the Secretary of State Police; and generally relating to handgun permits.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article – Public Safety  
 Section 5–304  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2018 Replacement Volume)

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

**Article – Public Safety**

5–304.

- (a) An application for a permit shall be made under oath.
- (b) (1) Subject to subsections (c) and (d) of this section, the Secretary may charge a nonrefundable fee payable when an application is filed for a permit.
- (2) The fee may not exceed:
- (i) \$75 for an initial application;
  - (ii) \$50 for a renewal or subsequent application; and
  - (iii) \$10 for a duplicate or modified permit.
- (3) The fees under this subsection are in addition to the fees authorized under § 5–305 of this subtitle.
- (c) The Secretary may reduce the fee under subsection (b) of this section accordingly for a permit that is granted for one day only and at one place only.
- (d) The Secretary may not charge a fee under subsection (b) of this section to:

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

(2) a retired law enforcement officer of the State or a county or municipal corporation of the State.

(e) The applicant ~~may~~ **SHALL** pay a fee under this section by ~~a personal check, business check, certified check, or money order~~ **AN ELECTRONIC CHECK, A CREDIT CARD, OR A METHOD OF ONLINE PAYMENT APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2019.

**Approved by the Governor, April 18, 2019.**