A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Handgun Permit Application Fee – Waiver for Disabled Residents

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Secretary of State Police or the Secretary’s designee from charging a certain disabled resident of the State a fee to apply for a handgun permit; and generally relating to handgun permits.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Safety
Section 5–301 and 5–304
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

Article – Public Safety

5–301.

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

(B) “DISABLED RESIDENT” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:

(1) HAS BEEN CERTIFIED AS DISABLED BY A UNIT OF THE STATE OR THE UNITED STATES THAT CLASSIFIES DISABLED INDIVIDUALS; AND

(2) IS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE.
(b) (C) “Handgun” has the meaning stated in § 4–201 of the Criminal Law Article.

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

(d) (E) “Qualified handgun instructor” has the meaning stated in § 5–101 of this title.

(e) (F) “Secretary” means the Secretary of State Police or the Secretary’s designee.

(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; OR

(3) A DISABLED RESIDENT.

(e) The applicant shall pay a fee under this section by 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, 2022.