

HOUSE BILL 1028

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By: **Delegate Amprey**

Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2023

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of State Police – Training Facilities With Firearm Range – Location**

3 FOR the purpose of stating the intent of the General Assembly regarding the location of
4 Department of State Police training facilities with firearm ranges; requiring the
5 Governor to appropriate funds in the annual budget bill in certain years for the
6 planning and relocation of certain training facilities of the Department; and
7 generally relating to training facilities of the Department of State Police with firearm
8 ranges.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Public Safety
11 Section 2–303
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2022 Replacement Volume)

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

16 **Article – Public Safety**

17 2–303.

18 (a) As provided in the State budget, the Department shall make its training
19 facilities available to any law enforcement agency of the State and to the Police Training
20 and Standards Commission to the extent that the training facilities and employees of the
21 Department are available.

22 (b) The Secretary shall adopt rules to govern:

23 (1) the extent to which the training facilities of the Department may be
24 used;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) the course of training; and

2 (3) the qualifications of individuals who will use the training facilities.

3 (C) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT THE DEPARTMENT
4 MAY NOT LOCATE A TRAINING FACILITY WITH A FIREARM RANGE NEAR ANY
5 BUILDING, GROUNDS, PARKING LOT, OR OPEN SPACE OWNED OR OCCUPIED BY ANY
6 OF THE FOLLOWING:

7 (1) A HOSPITAL, AS DEFINED UNDER § 19-301 OF THE
8 HEALTH – GENERAL ARTICLE;

9 (2) AN EDUCATIONAL FACILITY INCLUDING A CHILDCARE FACILITY,
10 PUBLIC PLAYGROUND, PRESCHOOL, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOL, COLLEGE, OR
11 UNIVERSITY;

12 (3) A STATE OR LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; OR

13 (4) A JUVENILE FACILITY.

14 (D) (1) IN FISCAL YEARS 2025 THROUGH 2029, EACH YEAR THE
15 GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT
16 FOR THE PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION OF A TRAINING FACILITY OF THE
17 DEPARTMENT THAT SATISFIES THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY UNDER
18 SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.

19 (2) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 15, 2023, AND EACH DECEMBER 15
20 THROUGH DECEMBER 15, 2029, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO
21 THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT
22 ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE FOLLOWING:

23 (I) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAINING FACILITIES WITH
24 FIREARM RANGES OWNED OR USED BY THE DEPARTMENT NEAR A HOSPITAL, AN
25 EDUCATIONAL FACILITY, A STATE OR LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, OR A
26 JUVENILE FACILITY;

27 (II) THE COST TO RELOCATE OR REPLACE A FACILITY
28 IDENTIFIED UNDER ITEM (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH TO AN AREA AWAY FROM A
29 HOSPITAL, AN EDUCATIONAL FACILITY, A STATE OR LOCAL CORRECTIONAL
30 FACILITY, OR A JUVENILE FACILITY;

31 (III) DATA ON TRAUMA AND RELATED OUTCOMES DUE TO THE
32 LOCATION OF FIREARM RANGES NEAR A HOSPITAL, AN EDUCATIONAL FACILITY, A

1 STATE OR LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, OR A JUVENILE FACILITY;

2 (IV) GUNSHOT DECIBEL AND DISTANCE THRESHOLDS FOR
3 PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY; AND

4 (V) THE FEASIBILITY OF TEMPORARILY RELOCATING FIREARM
5 RANGE TRAINING BY THE DEPARTMENT TO GREENBURY POINT AT THE UNITED
6 STATES NAVAL ACADEMY IN ANNAPOLIS.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
8 1, 2023. It shall remain effective for a period of 7 years and, at the end of June 30, 2030,
9 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and
10 of no further force and effect.