

I strongly oppose HB0175,

HB0175 would greatly restrict ammunition access and increase ammunition cost to law abiding Maryland citizens.

1st, it would require ammunition sellers in Maryland to set up procedures and certify employees to perform federal background checks, this will GREATLY increase the cost of buying ammunition AND it will remove many small shops in rural areas from being able to sell ammunition.

2nd, This will stop Any and ALL out of state retailers from shipping ammo to Maryland residents. Out of state retailers will not be able to nor will they set up systems to sell to Maryland residents. The ammo suppliers we purchase from already list states that have ammo licensing "Schemes" and state that they will not ship to residents of those states.

I perform Deer management with multiple agencies and the ammunition I use is NOT available "On the shelf" at the limited number of Maryland retailers. I also use specific ammunition for older classic firearms I own, once again it is NOT available "on the shelf" at Maryland retailers.

In 2020-2021 There is NO ammo available at Maryland stores, so even those people who purchase popular caliber ammunition have to locate it from out of state suppliers. So in times like we are seeing now, Maryland residents would have NO access to ANY ammunition. **See the attached picture from Today** of my local Walmart ammo cabinet,, EMPTY, as it has been for almost a Year!

So to sum HB0175 up, It would restrict my access to most ALL the ammunition I need for my firearms. Once again the Maryland General Assembly REFUSES to tackle the problem of Felons and criminals who choose a life of crime,, but instead introduce laws to restrict access to firearms and ammunition by LAWFULL citizens.

Introduce laws to punish and lock up felons and keep them in jail where they belong, and quit punishing law abiding citizens for your complete failure to control criminals.

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