

To whom it may concern,

I was a prior Law enforcement officer for seven years. My time of serving the community I was able to work with multiple agencies in the surrounding area to include Wash DC capital police, Virginia State police, West Virginia State police, Metro-Police, Pennsylvania State Police & numerous "tri-state" municipalities. Almost every agency has a training standard that is identical. Their "standard operating procedures" are similar in standards as well.

After seven years of serving the community I left the position to start my own business. AS a businessman in the firearms industry for the past 20 years. I still serve the public and Law enforcement community. My family-owned business sells firearms to the public and individuals LE officers daily. Our facility is a full-service firearms dealer. We sell, train and perform gunsmithing service in our 4,600 square foot establishment.

As a firearm's retailer in Maryland, you almost have to have a law degree to decipher State and federal laws to legally do firearms business in Maryland. We also have a working repour with the M.S.P. licensing division. My training, knowledge and experience as a prior Law enforcement officer has assisted my business. I have continued my education & training to better serve the community with my business to include NRA, USCCA, BATFE, NSSF to name a few.

Numerous LE agency seeks our service and knowledge throughout for firearms to include Local LE municipalities, MSP, Wash Co sheriff's office, Martinsburg BATFE division, Frederick County Sheriff's Office, only to name a few.

House Bill 0966 being submitted by Delegate Neil Parrott, wanting to make sure a Law Enforcement officer living in Md and having LE credentials within the tri-state will be exempt from Maryland's "training" requirements for Maryland HQL process, which would only make complete sense. Their Training is far more extensive than the current requirements currently set. I am in favor of Delegate Parrott's proposed bill as it makes sense, saving the MD LE taxpayer money & time. It will save the state of Maryland money, as less time & manpower under Firearms Licensing section.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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