

**DATE:** March 1, 2021  
**BILL NO.:** House Bill 175  
**COMMITTEE:** Judiciary  
**TITLE:** *Public Safety—Ammunition—Sales and Transfers*  
**POSITION:** Oppose

Testimony from: Bradford V. Sharpless  
316 Townleigh Road  
Reisterstown, MD 21136  
Registered Democrat, District 10

---

HB 175 places numerous new requirements on the sale and transfer of firearm ammunition in the state of Maryland. These requirements will reduce the availability of ammunition options to the consumer, while at the same time raising the cost of purchasing ammunition, specifically through the application of background check fees. In exchange, the bill offers no clear benefit to public safety. In addition, while the bill provides an exemption to a holder of a Maryland Handgun Qualification License (HQL), the bill provides no exemption for an “active or retired member of the United States Armed Forces or National Guard [who] possesses a valid military identification card,” an individual who is exempt from the HQL itself.

I request an “**unfavorable**” vote on HB 175.