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**House Bill 963
Sales and Use Tax - Exemption Firearm Safety Devices
Favorable**

Typically, bills with the words “firearms safety” in the title have nothing to do with firearm safety and are simply gun control bills masquerading as safety measures. These bills are normally punitive provisions which are counterproductive. Some of these bills contain language so restrictive and confusing in nature that the bill is impossible to understand, much less comply with.

This is not true of House Bill 963 which is exactly what its title implies, an exemption from sales and uses taxes up to the first \$500 of the purchase cost of devices explicitly designed to promote home firearm safety through the use of locks, lock boxes, and/or a gun safe.

House Bill 963 is an opportunity for the Maryland General Assembly to end the adversarial relationship with law-abiding gun owners and take a positive step toward promoting firearm safety.

We urge this Committee to return a favorable report on House Bill 963.

Respectfully,

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