



TESTIMONY TO SENATE JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS

SB387-Public Safety-Untraceable Firearms

Position: Favorable

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The League of Women Voters Maryland urges a **favorable report on Senate Bill 387** which would expand the definition of what constitutes a “firearm”. It would also expand the definition of the following as a “firearm” to include a “certain unfinished frame or receiver; prohibiting a person from purchasing, receiving, selling, offering to sell, or transferring an unfinished frame or receiver, or possessing a firearm on or after a certain date”.

A “ghost gun” according to Everytown for Gun Safety is “a do-it-yourself, homemade gun made from easy-to-get building blocks that can be purchased with no background check and no questions asked. These guns are made by an individual, not a federally licensed manufacturer or importer”. Ghost guns are especially dangerous because they are virtually untraceable and anyone can gain access to them without going through any kind of formal process. This bill would also help to better define what a gun is and hopefully reduce the number of ghost guns in Maryland.

We **support the passage of SB 387** to strengthen regulations of ghost guns making them less accessible to the citizens of Maryland. Lack of identification makes it difficult if not impossible to trace these firearms. For these reasons, we **urge a favorable report.**