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This bill, like many others in the antigun mentality, is another in a long line of attempts to criminalize the existence of firearms sales to avoid facing the reality that Maryland has a criminal enterprise problem. Instead of focusing on putting criminals that break/enter and steal from a retail/manufacturing establishment, the sponsor is attempting to make crime the problem of a law-abiding citizen failing to take action.

This bill is nothing more than a bald-faced attempt to make firearms dealerships prohibitively expensive to own/operate. The requirements are more restrictive than those required by the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (BATFE) standard security requirements. The sheer costs, in terms of physical investment and retail staffing costs, will put firearms dealers, who already operate on a drastically thin profit margin, out of business.

The Maryland State Rifle & Pistol Association requests an Unfavorable Report.

V/r,

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Bill Number:	Senate Bill 773
Bill Title:	Public Safety – Firearms Dealers – Storage Vaults for Regulated Firearms
Position:	UNFAVORABLE