

HB 1021: Public Safety - Licensed Firearms Dealers – Security Requirements

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Maryland firearms dealers are already among the most heavily regulated businesses in the United States. Maryland imposes very strict regulation of firearms dealers, requiring that these dealers obtain a state-issued firearms license and submit to regular inspections by the MSP. In addition, regulatory burdens on dealers were imposed with the enactment of SB 281, the Firearms Safety Act of 2013, including amending MD Code, Public Safety, § 5-145 to impose additional burdensome record keeping requirements. Dealers are also federal licensees and are thus heavily regulated by the DOJ-ATF.

The costs associated with storing hundreds of firearms in a vault or secure room outside of business hours may very likely result in huge expense and may result in closure of their businesses and livelihood.