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HB1021 Public Safety – Licensed Firearms Dealers – Security Requirements  
Unfavorable  
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I am writing with regards to my opposition to HB 1021 regarding “Security Requirements” for “Licensed Firearms Dealers”.

The law does not define what a “licensed firearms dealer” is, and due to this I believe that many people in Maryland would be considered dealers as simple Curio and Relic FFL Class 03 license holders. These licenses are used to procure weapons of historic value or significance or age. Almost all Class 03 FFL holders are normal individuals who may own or rent their homes and are **explicitly not allowed** to operate a business using their firearms license. These individuals would have to get a monitored alarm system, persistent video storage, barricade their windows, and place anti-vehicle obstructions because of this law. That is outrageous!

Some licensed firearms dealers are individuals that deal firearms without any inventory. A lot of these dealers rely on internet sales and transfer fees in order to supplement their income by legally transferring firearms between other dealers and individuals. These dealers do not have a large storefront and likely operate out of their homes. Yet now their homes would have to comply with these excessive legislative “security” measures?

Based on the above, it is clear that the person who wrote this bill has no idea what they are proposing to be written into law, and this type of brash legislation does no good for anyone. If the goal is to make firearms dealers with large storefronts more secure against theft, then I would suggest that you use a carrot instead of a stick. Remove sales tax from all purchases and put forward a grant fund that they can use to make their shops safer against theft.

I urge a total and complete unfavorable report.

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