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House Bill 816

Sales and Use Tax -Exemption - Firearm Safety Devices

Favorable

Typically, bills with the words “firearms safety” in the title have nothing to do with safety and are simply gun control bills masquerading as safety measures. These bills are normally punitive provisions and are counterproductive. Some 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 816 which is exactly what its title implies, an exemption from sales and uses taxes up to the first \$500 of the cost of the purchase of devices explicitly designed to enhance home firearm safety such as locks, lock boxes, and/or a gun safe.

House Bill 816 is an opportunity for the Maryland General Assembly to mitigate the adversarial relationship with law-abiding gun owners and take a positive step toward promoting firearm safety.

We do recommend that HB 816 be amended to expand the sales tax exemption to the full cost of devices intended to provide safe storage of firearms.

We urge this Committee to return a favorable report on House Bill 816.

Respectfully,

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