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Maryland General Assembly
Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee
Annapolis, MD

RE: SB 825 – Public Safety – Handgun Permits – Expiration and Renewal Periods for Retired Law Enforcement Officer

Dear Senators,

We support SB 825 and respectfully request that you vote for it.

To reduce the paperwork and effort by extending the renewal periods for handgun permits for retired law enforcement officers is a good idea. It should save State employees time and paper shuffling at the least.

Sincerely,

Christine Hunt and Jay Crouthers

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RE: SB825 – Public safety – Handgun Permits – Expiration and Renewal
Periods for Retired Law Enforcement Officer (**Support**)

Senate Bill 825 amends Section 5-309 of the Public Safety Article to extend from two years to seven years the first renewal period for a wear, carry, and transport permit in the case of retired law enforcement officers who retired in good standing from service with a law enforcement agency of the State or a county or municipal corporation of the State. Thereafter, retired law enforcement officers would need to renew their licenses every five years, as opposed to every three years for others.

The Office of the Attorney General supports the provision of longer licensure periods for retired law enforcement officers given the amount of continuous training such individuals have during their professional tenure.

We urge a favorable report on SB 825.

cc: Committee Members

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The Honorable Will Smith, Chairman and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee

RE: SB 825 - Public Safety - Handgun Permits - Expiration and Renewal Periods for Retired Law Enforcement Officer

POSITION: SUPPORT

The MTA supports SB 825 which creates alternative expiration and renewal periods for a handgun permit for retired law enforcement officers.

Troopers devote their lives to serving the people of Maryland and this legislation creates a simpler process for handgun renewal. Our retired police in good standing appreciate the trust from Marylanders and the consideration for this renewal process.

We support SB 825 and urge a favorable report.

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Sergeant Joseph Saunders – Retired Maryland State Police Officer

Support

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Thank you Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee for your consideration of Senate Bill 825 – Public Safety – Handgun Permits – Expiration and Renewal Periods for Retired Law Enforcement Officer.

I am Sergeant Joseph Saunders, and I am a retired Maryland State Police Officer with 25 years' experience on the force. All retired law enforcement officers have been properly trained in the use of a handgun. When I was active, I underwent 6 months of initial training before qualifying to carry my service weapon, and continued to undergo annual training. This bill makes the handgun renewal process easier for retired officers like myself who retired in good standing from service.

Right now, the renewal process is not set up for people like me. You have to renew your handgun permit every three years or it'll expire. Extending the renewal period will help save everyone involved time and money.

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The Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

SB 825 – Public Safety – Handgun Permits – Expiration and Renewal Periods for Retired Law Enforcement Officer by Bill Sponsor Senator Mary Beth Carozza

Thank you, Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and members of the distinguished Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee for allowing me to present Senate Bill 825 – Public Safety – Handgun Permits – Expiration and Renewal Periods for Retired Law Enforcement Officer.

This legislation would extend the expiration and renewal periods of handgun carry permits for law enforcement officers who retired in good standing. Currently, permits are valid for a two-year period after the initial issue date and are valid for three-year periods thereafter. Under this legislation, permits for retired officers in good standing would be valid for seven years after the initial issue date and would be renewed every five years thereafter.

This is a narrowly-focused bill that improves the process for handgun renewal for retired law enforcement officers, and recognizes their years of service, good standing, and training. We want to keep our retired law enforcement here in Maryland, and this is a straightforward and simple way to do so.

I truly appreciate your kind attention and consideration, and I respectfully ask for a swift and favorable report on SB 825.