

INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

11250 WAPLES MILL ROAD

FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA 22030



NRA

February 7, 2023

Chairman William C. Smith Jr.
90 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland, 21401

Dear Chairman Smith:

On behalf of our members in Maryland, I would like to communicate our strong opposition to Senate Bill SB1.

As initially drafted, Senate Bill 1 would effectively ban the wear, carry, or transport of firearms anywhere in the state of Maryland besides your home. That is, unless you reside in an urban locality such as Baltimore City, Montgomery County, etc, where as drafted SB1 would effectively ban firearms possession, since you be unable to transport to it into your domicile.

(B) A PERSON MAY NOT KNOWINGLY WEAR, CARRY, OR TRANSPORT A FIREARM WITHIN 100 FEET OF A PLACE OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION.

MD Code, State Government, § 20-301

“place of public accommodation” means:

- (1) an inn, hotel, motel, or other establishment that provides lodging to transient guests;
- (2) a restaurant, cafeteria, lunchroom, lunch counter, soda fountain, or other facility principally engaged in selling food or alcoholic beverages for consumption on or off the premises, including a facility located on the premises of a retail establishment or gasoline station;
- (3) a motion picture house, theater, concert hall, sports arena, stadium, or other place of exhibition or entertainment;
- (4) a retail establishment that:
 - (i) is operated by a public or private entity; and
 - (ii) offers goods, services, entertainment, recreation, or transportation; or
- (5) an establishment:
 - (i) 1. that is physically located within the premises of any other establishment covered by this subtitle; or
 2. within the premises of which any other establishment covered by this subtitle is physically located; and
 - (ii) that holds itself out as serving patrons of the covered establishment.

Senate Bill 1 as drafted is a clear violation of the recent *Bruen* Supreme Court decision.

For the foregoing reasons, the NRA opposes Senate Bill 1.

Sincerely,

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D.J. Spiker".

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Maryland State Director
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