

After decades of waiting, last summer the Supreme Court (Bruen case) finally confirmed that Maryland residents have a constitutional right to carry firearms outside the home for self defense. The Supreme Court confirmed that the Maryland "may issue" rules to acquire a handgun permit were unconstitutional (as they directly mimicked the New York laws challenged in the Bruen case).

SB0001 is an unconstitutional back-door attack on the Supreme Court decision that basically eliminates the capability of valid handgun permit holders to exercise their 2nd amendment rights. It nullifies the Maryland handgun permits that law abiding citizens have waited decades for.

For example, if a Maryland handgun permit holder is carrying a handgun outside of his home, where will the holder be able to exercise his rights of self defense if SB0001 becomes law?

If this bill passes, the permit holder will not be able to carry in any public accommodation or private property unless the owner's of these properties gives specific written approval. I would argue that when a person leaves their home, they are normally traveling to a private or public accommodation. So again without written permission, the permit is invalidated if this bill passes.

When traveling down a roadway, there are many places of public accommodation that are within 100 feet of the roadway. So if this bill passes, the permit holder would not even be able to legally drive by the public accommodation while exercising their 2nd amendment rights.

Would Maryland residents want their Freedom of Speech, or Freedom of Religion, to be restricted on private property or within 100 feet of a public accommodation? They should not.

If this unconstitutional bill becomes law, it will be challenged in court, and Maryland resident's tax dollars should not be wasted in defending this bill/law.