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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.