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TO: The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr.
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FROM: Hannibal G. Williams II Kemerer
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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