

# House Bill 0364

## Public Safety - Handgun Permit Requirement - Repeal (Maryland's Constitutional Carry Act of 2023)

### Support

Mr. Chairman and members of the Judiciary Committee,

I have thoroughly read the proposed bill.

Let us review a history of the most recent failed attempt on gun control.

Be reminded that FSA2013 did nothing to penalize criminals, it only made it more difficult for law abiding citizens to purchase a firearm.

Effects of FSA2013 Enacted Oct 1st, 2013

Year	2013*	2014*	2015*	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Firearms Homicides	309	290	442	402	441	452	514	529

Data taken from <https://mdsp.maryland.gov>

\* Breakdown by weapon used not provided, however 2016-2020 78%-82% homicides were by firearm. Multiplied the total homicides by 0.80 to provide numbers for 2013-2015.

309 Firearm Homicides in 2013 to 529 Firearm Homicides in 2020 is a 71% increase.

Let us not repeat the mistakes of failed gun control and finally make a change to support law abiding citizens exercise their constitutional rights and rid our state of these racist Jim Crow laws.

I SUPPORT HB0364. Vote **FAVORABLE** to this proposed bill.

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