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To whom it may concern:

I strongly oppose bill HB0824 and hope for an UNFAVORABLE review.

Bill HB0824 would DOUBLE the fees to apply renew or to receive a duplicate permit. These fees should be minimal or non-existent. Why are there fees to exercise a right guaranteed by the constitution? I liken this to a poll tax which is also UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

HB0824 would raise the age from 18 years (legal adult) to 21 years to qualify for a permit to wear and carry a handgun. Exemption for member of armed forces. I disagree with this

HB0824 adds the following requirements needed to qualify for a permit to wear and carry a handgun to Public Safety Article §5-306. Comments in red are mine.

- Instruction on Federal law (**most instructors already do this**)
- Instruction on State self-defense law including duty to retreat (**these laws do not exist - there is only case law - There are no State laws addressing self-defense or deadly force, nor are there any State laws addressing a duty to retreat**)
- Proportional use of force in self-defense and conflict de-escalation and resolution (**Instructors already teach this**)
- Live fire shooting exercises (**already a part of existing law and training classes**)
- Safe handling and shooting of a handgun (**already a part of existing law and training classes**)

I read that the Secretary may revoke a permit if the permit holder is found wearing or carrying a firearm and not in possession of the physical permit. This is ridiculous. A person having the permit has gone through all the legal steps to get that permit. If a permit is lost, stolen, or simply forgotten, Bill 0824 could REVOKE his permit. I feel that if anything, perhaps levy a civil fine against the permit holder. Revoking a permit for not having it on you would be like revoking a driver's license for a person operating a motor vehicle without having his license with him/her.

Please vote UNFAVORABLY on bill HB0824

Sincerely,

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