

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/her 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 approval. I would argue that when a person leaves their home, they are normally traveling to a private or public accommodation. So again without permission, the permit is invalidated if this bill passes. Express permission should not be the default for exercising a right guaranteed by the United States Constitution.

Criminals will ignore this bill/law and will know that people at public accommodations and conveyances will be easy targets because the law abiding permit holder will not be able to exercise their 2nd amendment rights in these locations.

Would Maryland residents want their Freedom of Speech, or Freedom of Religion, to be restricted on private property, public accommodations, or public conveyances? They should not, as this is unconstitutional, as is SB0001.

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.