



## **TESTIMONY FOR HB0546 Firearm Safety Act of 2024**

**Bill Sponsors:** Delegate Williams

**Committee:** Judiciary

**Organization Submitting:** Maryland Legislative Coalition

**Person Submitting:** Aileen Alex, co-chair

**Position:** **FAVORABLE**

I am submitting this testimony in favor of HB0546 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of activists - individuals and grassroots groups in every district in the state. We are unpaid citizen lobbyists, and our Coalition supports well over 30,000 members.

The Firearm Safety Act of 2024 requires a person who holds a handgun permit and accidentally discharges a firearm to register within 90 days for a firearms safety training course. The course must be completed within 6 months of the incident.

Gun safety training can help reduce the risk of accidental discharges and unauthorized access. This is especially important in homes with children. Even if you don't own a gun, knowing gun safety rules and proper handling can lower the risk of causing an accident.

The Maryland Legislative Coalition supports this bill and recommends a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.