

HB0794/SB0752 Regulated Firearms - Maryland Voluntary Do Not Sell Firearm Process

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I am State Director of The DC Project-Women for Gun Rights and the State Leader of the Armed Women of America. I stand in solidarity with the Ladies of both groups, numbering many more than just myself. I am also a professional Multi-disciplined Firearms Instructor and Maryland QHIC.

I respect the idea that someone could decide they should not be allowed to purchase a hand gun because of the mental state they are in. However, the creation of a voluntary registry raises privacy concerns regarding the collection and storage of individuals' personal information. There may be questions about how this information will be protected and who will have access to it.

Ensuring compliance with the registry could be challenging. Dealers and individuals may inadvertently sell or transfer firearms to individuals on the registry due to administrative errors or lack of awareness.

Prohibiting certain acts involving false information and discrimination related to the registry raises questions about enforcement and potential penalties. It may be challenging to prove instances of giving false information or discrimination, and there could be concerns about unintended consequences or misuse of this provision.

Requiring a custodian of records to deny inspection of certain records may raise issues related to transparency and government accountability. There could be

debates over which records should be exempt from inspection and under what circumstances.

Establishing and maintaining a registry could involve significant costs for the Maryland Department of Health, including costs related to technology, staff training, and ongoing administration.

There are court cases all over the country where a prohibited person was allowed to purchase a gun because their information never made it to the proper database to flag them as prohibited. Like so many laws on the books – if they were upheld as currently written we would all be better off. I believe this bill is just an add on to something that is not being done efficiently already and it would not work because the potential is there is no administrative process here that would be completed timely and appropriately an either end of the issue.

I ask that you find an unfavorable report on this bill.