



**SB 585**  
**Criminal Law – Exception to Armed Trespass Prohibition**  
**Retired Law Enforcement Officials**

**FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS**

The Maryland State Rifle & Pistol Association (MSRPA) supports the establishment of an exception to the prohibition against entering or trespassing on property while wearing, carrying, or transporting a firearm for certain law enforcement officials. MSRPA has been a longtime supporter of Maryland's law enforcement officers, but this legislation would establish an exemption and special category for a group of citizens which we cannot support. All Maryland citizens have equal protection under the law, and we would support this bill if amended to apply to ALL law-abiding citizens.

While retired law enforcement officers are indeed law-abiding, the same is true for permit holders. A carve-out of special privileges for a particular group of citizens is unjustified and unnecessary. The MSRPA respectfully requests that SB 585 be amended to apply to ALL law-abiding Maryland citizens.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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