

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 585 / HOUSE BILL308:

Criminal Law - Exception to Armed Trespass Prohibition - Retired Law Enforcement Officials

TO: Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee and House Judiciary Committee

FROM: The Maryland Trooper's Association

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The Maryland Trooper's Association supports Senate Bill 585 / House Bill 308, which is a technical fix to the statute that will allow retired law enforcement officers in good standing to carry firearms on real property.

This provision was supposed to be implemented in <u>Senate Bill 1 of 2023</u>, which allows correctional officers, the armed forces, and law enforcement to carry in dwelling units. However, the bill accidentally left out retired law enforcement. This bill is a simple fix to that statute, and we thank the sponsors for their support.

We strongly support Senate Bill 585 / House Bill 308 and urge a favorable report.

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