



Senate Bill 443

Trafficking Regulated Firearms - Felony Classification

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The Maryland State Rifle & Pistol Association (MSRPA) supports SB 443 Trafficking Regulated Firearms – Felony Classification.

Unfortunately, most gun laws passed by the Maryland General Assembly in the last seven years have done little or nothing to change criminal behavior, nevertheless the Maryland State Rifle & Pistol Association (MSRPA) does support this bill. Currently, illegal trafficking of firearms to criminals (those prohibited persons or minors) is only a misdemeanor offense and this is much too lenient. We need to be committed to ensuring that our state laws are tools used to deter crime and make criminals accountable for their actions. SB 443 is a step in the right direction.

However, MSRPA members respectfully request that legislators consider requiring a 5-year minimum sentence without parole for those persons convicted of trafficking firearms in Maryland, and each firearm should be a separate offense. This will make Maryland law stronger and its citizens safer.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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