

J. SANDY BARTLETT  
Legislative District 32  
Anne Arundel County

*Vice Chair*  
Judiciary Committee



The Maryland House of Delegates  
6 Bladen Street, Room 101  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
410-841-3370 · 301-858-3370  
800-492-7122 Ext. 3370  
Sandy.Bartlett@house.state.md.us

## THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

TO: CHAIR LUKE CLIPPINGER and Members of the Judiciary Committee

FROM: Delegate J. Sandy Bartlett, Esq.

### **HB308: Criminal Law – Firearms – Exception to Armed Trespass Prohibition—Retired Law Enforcement Officials**

Chairman Clippinger and Members of the Committee, I am Sandy Bartlett, from Anne Arundel County. I come before you today to urge you to vote in favor of HB 308, Exception to Armed Trespass Prohibition-Retired Law Enforcement Officials. The bill creates an exception to the prohibition against wearing, carrying, or transporting a firearm into a dwelling of another or onto the real property of another under section 6-411 of the Criminal Law article for a retired law enforcement official.

This is a simple, narrowly crafted bill, and its purpose is only to make current law consistent with court rulings on SB 1, the Gun Safety Act of 2023. While the language in section 4-111 of the criminal code has been correctly updated to allow retired law enforcement officials to carry firearms in certain circumstance, the corresponding section 6-411 leaves out retired officers. HB 308 fixes the inconsistency.

This bill does not guarantee a permanent right for the retired officer. These people will still need to pass all the requalification tests and be found to be medically fit to carry a firearm. And it does not give anyone the authority to carry a firearm onto a homeowner's property if the homeowner objects.

I urge a favorable report on the bill so we can have a clear and unified policy on this issue which has already been reviewed by the court. Thank you for your attention.