



HB 0353
Public Safety - Handgun Permit Requirement - Repeal

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The Maryland State Rifle & Pistol Association (MSRPA) supports repealing the requirement that a person have a certain permit before the person carries, wears, or transports a handgun, and repealing certain criminal prohibitions against a person who is at least a certain age wearing, carrying, or transporting a handgun. MSRPA also supports prohibiting the wear, carry, or transport of a handgun while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Self-defense is a fundamental right, and the right to use firearms for self-defense is recognized by the Constitution of the United States, the constitutions of 44 states, the laws of all states, and the common law. In *District of Columbia v. Heller* (2008), the Supreme Court ruled that the Second Amendment protects "the individual right to possess and carry weapons in case of confrontation."

Please support HB 353. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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The MSRPA is the official National Rifle Association state organization for Maryland. The MSRPA's mission is to defend your rights in Maryland, support training in firearm safety and shooting skills through its affiliated clubs, and sponsor and sanction local competition throughout the state.