



**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 180 / HOUSE BILL 171:**

**Public Safety - Handgun Permits - Expiration and Renewal Periods for Retired Law Enforcement Officers**

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 180 / House Bill 171, which creates alternative expiration and renewal periods for a handgun permit for retired law enforcement officers.

Troopers devote their lives to serving the people of Maryland, and this legislation creates a more straightforward process for handgun renewal. Not only does it eliminate a burden on those who continue to protect our state, but it also removes a burden on the licensing department. Our retired police in good standing appreciate the trust of Marylanders and the consideration for this renewal process to be extended to every 5 years. Several other states follow the 5-year expiration process, and Maryland is catching up to that standard. We strongly support Senate Bill 180 / House Bill 171 and urge a favorable report.

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