

HB0937 Sales and Use Tax - Firearms, Firearm Accessories, and Ammunition - Rate Alteration

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I am State Director of Women for Gun Rights and the State Leader of the Armed Women of America. I stand in solidarity with the Ladies of both groups, numbering many more than just myself. I am also a professional Multi-disciplined Firearms Instructor and Maryland QHIC.

*Sales and Use Tax rate increased to 12% of the taxable price for a firearm, a firearm accessory, and Ammunition.

The Federal Firearms Dealers will have to add an increase in tax to every sale, that is a pole tax on our right to keep and bear arms. It will send firearms sales and ammunition sales over to Virginia and Pennsylvania and West Virginia where the items will not be taxed. It will not help the State gain income to fund its budget, by and large it will reduce the amount purchased in the state. There will be jobs lost as businesses close because they cannot afford to stay open. Maybe that is what your real intent is?

This bill will hurt the hardworking people of Maryland and I request an Unfavorable report on this bill.