

Please **AMEND** HB 250
Income Tax – Credit for Firearm Safety Devices

While HB250 is well-intentioned, there are areas where it could be improved to better support its safety promoting principles and increase its impact:

Expand the Credit Cap:

The bill limits total tax credit certificates to \$250,000 annually. This cap could restrict access to the credit for many eligible individuals. Increasing the cap would ensure more gun owners benefit from the program. We hear so often "pass this bill even if it saves just one life" so do we add to this saying "and as long as it only limits tax revenue by \$250,000?"

Simplify the Application Process:

Requiring individuals to apply to the Comptroller for a tax credit certificate could discourage participation and just add to the confusion and paperwork associated with the tax code. A streamlined, automated process tied to tax returns would encourage broader adoption.

House Bill 250 provides an important opportunity to encourage firearm safety and responsible ownership. With modest adjustments to expand access and simplify participation, the bill could have an even greater positive impact on public safety and responsible gun ownership in Maryland.



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