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TESTIMONY ON HB#0303 - FAVORABLE
Handguns - Wear, Carry, and Transport Laws - Handbook Publication

TO: Chair Wells, Vice Chair Kerr, and members of the Government, Labor and Elections Committee

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My name is Richard K. Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB#0303, **Handguns - Wear, Carry, and Transport Laws - Handbook Publication**

Every year significant legislation is introduced and passed into law by the Maryland General Assembly that deals with handguns in Maryland. This bill will make it possible for legal gun owners to have summaries, in plain language, of all relevant laws governing these firearms in Maryland. This is a consumer protection bill for firearm safety in Maryland.

This protection will occur by passing this bill requiring, by October 1, 2026, and each October 1 thereafter, the Office of the Attorney General to publish a handbook summarizing State law, federal law, and case law related to wearing, carrying, and transporting a handgun in public in Maryland; and requiring the handbook to be drafted in plain language so it can be easily understood without special knowledge of relevant law and in a format that can be easily used to teach certain required firearms courses.

It is hoped that Maryland gun merchants and instructors will make this available to all of their clients to promote responsible handgun ownership and usage.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB#0303.