



**Senate Bill 0331**

**Public Safety – Handgun Permits – Expiration and Renewal Periods for Retired Law Enforcement Officer  
FAVORABLE only with AMENDMENTS**

We strongly support changing the time period a permit to wear and carry a handgun is valid to 5 years for all permits. In view of the Bruen decision, the current 2-year period for an initial permit and 3 years for renewals has no basis in logic and is out of step with the policies of most other states where a 5-year permit is the norm.

While we have great respect and admiration for our law enforcement officers, to create a “carve out” on any issue is something we cannot support. This nation was founded upon the concept that all citizens are created equal and have equal protection under the law.

We recommend amending Senate Bill 0331 by removing the existing language and revising Public Safety Article §5-309 (b) as follows:

~~(a) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, a permit expires on the last day of the holder’s birth month following 2 5 years after the date the permit is issued.~~

~~(b) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, a permit may be renewed for successive periods of 3 5 years each if, at the time of an application for renewal, the applicant possesses the qualifications for the issuance of a permit and pays the renewal fee stated in this subtitle.~~

~~(c) A person who applies for a renewal of a permit is not required to be fingerprinted unless the Secretary requires a set of the person’s fingerprints to resolve a question of the person’s identity.~~

~~(d) The Secretary may establish an alternative expiration date for a permit to coincide with the expiration of a license, certification, or commission for:~~

~~(1) a private detective under Title 13 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article;~~

~~(2) a security guard under Title 19 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article; or~~

~~(3) a special police officer under § 3-306 of this article.~~

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