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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 331:

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

TO: Chair Smith & Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

FROM: The Maryland Trooper's Association

DATE: February 5th, 2026

The Maryland Trooper's Association supports Senate Bill 331, which creates alternative expiration and renewal periods for a handgun permit for retired law enforcement officers.

Troopers devote their lives to public safety and work diligently to serve the people of Maryland. We ensure our Maryland communities are places in which residents can safely live, work, and thrive. This legislation creates a more straightforward process for handgun renewal, which eases administrative burdens for both Troopers and our licensing department so that protecting Marylanders remains our top priority. Maryland Troopers are adequately trained and widely trusted individuals who simply request that this renewal process be extended to every 5 years. Moreover, this bill would match legislative action taken in states around the Mid-Atlantic region such as Virginia, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New York. We strongly support Senate Bill 331 and urge a favorable report. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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