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TESTIMONY ON SB#0677- POSITION: FAVORABLE

Public Safety – Handgun Permits – Firearms Training Course

TO: Chair Smith, Jr., Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee

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My name is Richard Keith Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of SB#0677, **Public Safety – Handgun Permits – Firearms Training Course**

This bill adds to the requirement for the firearms training course requirements to include:

- handgun nomenclature and selecting a handgun for self-defense
- ammunition knowledge and defensive ammunition selection
- basic defensive handgun skills
- drawing a handgun from concealment
- loading and stoppage remediation mindset, including responding to an attack and the aftermath of an attack
- handgun concealment and carry modes
- ... home firearm safety
- safe firearm storage, cleaning, and maintenance

This bill will meet these goals by altering the requirements for a certain firearms training course that an applicant for a permit to carry, wear, or transport a handgun must successfully complete.

This bill does not restrict rights under the Second Amendment but ensures that the person who will carry, wear, or transport a handgun is fully trained in safety and knowledge needed to support legal and responsible gun ownership.

I respectfully urge this committee to return an favorable report on SB#0677.