

SB 0027/HB 0126: Regulated Firearms - Seven-Day Waiting Period - Exceptions:
Please VOTE TO SUPPORT this common sense bill.

Dear Judicial Proceedings/Judiciary Chair and Members of the Committee,

I respectfully write in **support of SB 0027 – Regulated Firearms – Seven-Day Waiting Period – Exceptions.**

Maryland’s seven-day waiting period for regulated firearms serves an important public safety purpose, and SB 0027 wisely preserves that core protection while creating **narrow, common-sense exceptions** for individuals and circumstances where the delay is unnecessary or counterproductive.

This bill recognizes that a one-size-fits-all approach does not always reflect real-world conditions. By allowing carefully defined exceptions—such as for law enforcement, a retired law enforcement officer who retired in good standing, or an individual with a permit to wear, carry, or transport a handgun—**SB 0027 balances public safety, due process, and responsible firearm ownership. These exceptions** are limited, reasonable, and **do not undermine the intent of the waiting period itself.**

Importantly, **SB 0027 does not weaken background checks or oversight.** Instead, it maintains safeguards while reducing unnecessary burdens on individuals who have already demonstrated responsibility, training, or lawful authority. **This measured approach respects both constitutional rights and the state’s obligation to protect the public.**

SB 0027 reflects thoughtful policymaking that improves existing law without compromising safety. For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to **issue a favorable vote on SB 0027.**

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Trudy Tibbals