

DATE: February 24, 2026
BILL NO.: Senate Bill 830
COMMITTEE: Judicial Proceedings
TITLE: *Handgun Roster Reform*
POSITION: Oppose

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SB 830 creates a new process for adding handguns to Maryland's list of handguns approved for sale to the public. The bill places substantial new burdens upon the Office of the Attorney General and the Maryland State Police but provides no additional resources for either of those agencies to fulfill the new requirements. Additionally, the bill establishes an unrealistically short timeline for the Maryland State Police to re-evaluate all handguns that are currently on Maryland's approved handgun roster and does not explain how the re-evaluations will be funded.

I provided the following questions regarding SB 830 to the office of the bill's lead sponsor:

- 1) Can you help me to understand what weakness exists in the current Handgun Roster Board's approval process that this bill seeks to rectify?
- 2) Are there any specific examples that you can provide in which a handgun approved under the current process would not be approved under the bill's proposed process?

I did not receive a response to my questions.

I request an unfavorable report on SB 830.