



House Bill 0126
Regulated Firearms- Seven-Day Waiting Period - Exceptions
FAVORABLE

The original intent of the seven-day waiting period was to allow the Maryland State Police Licensing Division adequate time to complete a background check before “not disapproving” the citizens request to purchase a handgun. This statute is now over 50 years old and no longer reflects today’s technology.

Citizens who hold a valid Maryland Permit to Wear and Carry a Handgun issued by the Maryland State Police pursuant to Public Safety Article §5-306 (a) are demonstrably the most law-abiding segment of our society.

They have received and successfully completed the rigorous training requirements contained in Public Safety Article §5-306 (a-1). Further, they have submitted their fingerprints and undergone extensive background checks. All at considerable personal expense.

The overwhelming majority of Wear and Carry Permit holders have also successfully completed the Handgun Qualification Training required under Public Safety Article §5-117.1.

We strongly believe the seven-day waiting period should not be imposed upon Wear and Carry Permit holders. Further, there is no credible evidence that public safety would be compromised in any way by the passage of House Bill 0126.

We respectfully request a favorable report.

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