

# SENATE BILL 229

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Firearms – Handgun Qualification License – Live–Fire Component**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that the firearms orientation component of a certain firearms  
4 safety training course required to be taken by a person to be issued a certain  
5 handgun qualification license need not include a practice component requiring the  
6 person to fire rounds of live ammunition; and generally relating to firearms.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Public Safety

9 Section 5–117.1(d)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Public Safety**

15 5–117.1.

16 (d) Subject to subsections (f) and (g) of this section, the Secretary shall issue a  
17 handgun qualification license to a person who the Secretary finds:

18 (1) is at least 21 years old;

19 (2) is a resident of the State;

20 (3) except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, has demonstrated  
21 satisfactory completion, within 3 years prior to the submission of the application, of a  
22 firearms safety training course approved by the Secretary that includes:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (i) a minimum of 4 hours of instruction by a qualified handgun  
2 instructor;

3 (ii) classroom instruction on:

4 1. State firearm law;

5 2. home firearm safety; and

6 3. handgun mechanisms and operation; and

7 (iii) a firearms orientation component that:

8 1. demonstrates the person's safe operation and handling of  
9 a firearm; **BUT**

10 2. **NEED NOT INCLUDE A PRACTICE COMPONENT**  
11 **REQUIRING THE PERSON TO FIRE ROUNDS OF LIVE AMMUNITION;** and

12 (4) based on an investigation, is not prohibited by federal or State law from  
13 purchasing or possessing a handgun.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
15 October 1, 2016.