

HOUSE BILL 1288

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Handgun Permit Application Fee – Waiver for Disabled**
3 **Residents**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Secretary of State Police or the Secretary’s designee
5 from charging a certain disabled resident of the State a fee to apply for a handgun
6 permit; and generally relating to handgun permits.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Public Safety
9 Section 5–301 and 5–304
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 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 5–301.

16 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

17 (B) **“DISABLED RESIDENT” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:**

18 (1) **HAS BEEN CERTIFIED AS DISABLED BY A UNIT OF THE STATE OR**
19 **THE UNITED STATES THAT CLASSIFIES DISABLED INDIVIDUALS; AND**

20 (2) **IS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **[(b)] (C)** “Handgun” has the meaning stated in § 4–201 of the Criminal Law
2 Article.

3 **[(c)] (D)** “Permit” means a permit issued by the Secretary to carry, wear, or
4 transport a handgun.

5 **[(d)] (E)** “Qualified handgun instructor” has the meaning stated in § 5–101 of
6 this title.

7 **[(e)] (F)** “Secretary” means the Secretary of State Police or the Secretary’s
8 designee.
9 5–304.

10 (a) An application for a permit shall be made under oath.

11 (b) (1) Subject to subsections (c) and (d) of this section, the Secretary may
12 charge a nonrefundable fee payable when an application is filed for a permit.

13 (2) The fee may not exceed:

14 (i) \$75 for an initial application;

15 (ii) \$50 for a renewal or subsequent application; and

16 (iii) \$10 for a duplicate or modified permit.

17 (3) The fees under this subsection are in addition to the fees authorized
18 under § 5–305 of this subtitle.

19 (c) The Secretary may reduce the fee under subsection (b) of this section
20 accordingly for a permit that is granted for one day only and at one place only.

21 (d) The Secretary may not charge a fee under subsection (b) of this section to:

22 (1) a State, county, or municipal public safety employee who is required to
23 carry, wear, or transport a handgun as a condition of governmental employment; **[or]**

24 (2) a retired law enforcement officer of the State or a county or municipal
25 corporation of the State; **OR**

26 **(3) A DISABLED RESIDENT.**

27 (e) The applicant shall pay a fee under this section by an electronic check, a credit
28 card, or a method of online payment approved by the Secretary.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2022.