

# SENATE BILL 176

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By: **Senators Brochin, Jennings, and Klausmeier**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Firearms – License Fees**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the application fee for a certain handgun qualification license;  
4 altering the application fee for the renewal of a certain handgun qualification license;  
5 and generally relating to firearms.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article – Public Safety  
8 Section 5–117.1(g) and (j)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Public Safety**

14 5–117.1.

15 (g) An applicant for a handgun qualification license shall submit to the Secretary:

16 (1) an application in the manner and format designated by the Secretary;

17 (2) a nonrefundable application fee to cover the costs to administer the  
18 program of up to ~~[\$50]~~ **\$20**;

19 (3) (i) proof of satisfactory completion of:

20 1. a firearms safety training course approved by the  
21 Secretary; or

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                                   2.     a course of instruction in competency and safety in the  
2 handling of firearms prescribed by the Department of Natural Resources under § 10–301.1  
3 of the Natural Resources Article; or

4                                   (ii)    a valid firearms instructor certification;

5                                   (4)    any other identifying information or documentation required by the  
6 Secretary; and

7                                   (5)    a statement made by the applicant under the penalty of perjury that  
8 the applicant is not prohibited under federal or State law from possessing a handgun.

9                                   (j)    (1)    The handgun qualification license may be renewed for successive  
10 periods of 10 years each if, at the time of an application for renewal, the applicant:

11                                   (i)    possesses the qualifications for the issuance of the handgun  
12 qualification license; and

13                                   (ii)   submits a nonrefundable application fee to cover the costs to  
14 administer the program up to [~~\$20~~] **\$10**.

15                                   (2)    An applicant renewing a handgun qualification license under this  
16 subsection is not required to:

17                                   (i)    complete the firearms safety training course required in  
18 subsection (d)(3) of this section; or

19                                   (ii)   submit to a State and national criminal history records check as  
20 required in subsection (f) of this section.

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