

# SENATE BILL 881

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By: **Senator Bailey**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Firearms – Handgun Qualification License – Firearms Safety Training**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement to obtain a certain handgun qualification  
4 license that a certain firearms safety training course include a certain firearms  
5 orientation component; and generally relating to handgun qualification licenses.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article – Public Safety  
8 Section 5–117.1(d)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 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 (d) Subject to subsections (f) and (g) of this section, the Secretary shall issue a  
16 handgun qualification license to a person who the Secretary finds:

17 (1) is at least 21 years old;

18 (2) is a resident of the State;

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

22 (i) a minimum of 4 hours of instruction by a qualified handgun

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 instructor; AND

2 (ii) classroom instruction on:

3 1. State firearm law;

4 2. home firearm safety; and

5 3. handgun mechanisms and operation; and

6 [(iii) a firearms orientation component that demonstrates the person's  
7 safe operation and handling of a firearm; and]

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

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
11 October 1, 2020.