

HOUSE BILL 1021

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By: **The Speaker**

Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2022

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Licensed Firearms Dealers – Security Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a certain licensed firearms dealer from storing a firearm on
4 a certain premises where the licensed dealer conducts business, unless the premises
5 is equipped with certain security features; requiring a licensed firearms dealer to
6 lock certain firearms in a certain location outside business hours; and generally
7 relating to security requirements for licensed firearms dealers.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Public Safety

10 Section 5–145.1

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Public Safety**

16 **5–145.1.**

17 **(A) A LICENSED DEALER MAY NOT CONDUCT BUSINESS AND STORE**
18 **FIREARMS AT A LOCATION UNLESS:**

19 **(1) THE PREMISES ON WHICH THE LICENSED DEALER OPERATES IS**
20 **EQUIPPED WITH SECURITY FEATURES, INCLUDING:**

21 **(I) EQUIPMENT CAPABLE OF FILMING AND RECORDING VIDEO**
22 **FOOTAGE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE BUILDINGS WHERE FIREARMS ARE STORED;**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(II) BARS OR SECURITY SCREENS DESIGNED TO PREVENT**
2 **UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY ON ALL EXTERIOR DOORS AND WINDOWS OF ALL BUILDINGS**
3 **WHERE FIREARMS ARE STORED;**

4 **(III) A BURGLARY ALARM SYSTEM THAT IS CONTINUALLY**
5 **MONITORED; AND**

6 **(IV) PHYSICAL BARRIERS DESIGNED TO PREVENT THE USE OF**
7 **MOTOR VEHICLES TO BREACH ALL BUILDINGS WHERE FIREARMS ARE STORED; AND**

8 **(2) OUTSIDE BUSINESS HOURS, THE LICENSED DEALER LOCKS ALL**
9 **FIREARMS STORED ON THE PREMISES IN:**

10 **(I) A VAULT;**

11 **(II) A SAFE; OR**

12 **(III) A SECURE ROOM.**

13 **(B) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A**
14 **PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY NOT**
15 **EXCEEDING \$1,000 IMPOSED BY THE SECRETARY.**

16 **(2) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A**
17 **MISDEMEANOR AND IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 3 YEARS OR A**
18 **FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$10,000 OR BOTH, IF THE OFFENSE IS:**

19 **(I) A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE; AND**

20 **(II) COMMITTED KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY.**

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