

# HOUSE BILL 398

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Honorably Discharged Veterans – Handgun License**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that an honorably discharged member of the armed forces of  
4 the United States or the National Guard is not required to possess a certain handgun  
5 qualification license in order to purchase, rent, or receive a certain handgun under  
6 certain circumstances; and generally relating to firearms.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Public Safety  
9 Section 5–117.1(c)  
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 (c) A person may purchase, rent, or receive a handgun only if the person:

17 (1) (i) possesses a valid handgun qualification license issued to the  
18 person by the Secretary in accordance with this section;

19 (ii) possesses valid credentials from a law enforcement agency or  
20 retirement credentials from a law enforcement agency;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (iii) is an active, **AN HONORABLY DISCHARGED**, or A retired  
2 member of the armed forces of the United States or the National Guard and possesses a  
3 valid military identification card **OR A VALID DD FORM 214, CERTIFICATE OF**  
4 **RELEASE OR DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE DUTY**; or

5 (iv) is purchasing, renting, or receiving an antique, curio, or relic  
6 firearm, as defined in federal law or in determinations published by the Bureau of Alcohol,  
7 Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; and

8 (2) is not otherwise prohibited from purchasing or possessing a handgun  
9 under State or federal law.

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