

HOUSE BILL 768

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By: **Delegates McComas, Kittleman, and Krebs**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Handgun Qualification License Training Requirement –**
3 **Exceptions**

4 FOR the purpose of providing an exception to the completion of the firearms safety training
5 course requirement for obtaining a handgun qualification license to certain retired
6 out-of-state law enforcement officers under certain circumstances and to certain
7 correctional officers and deputies from Cecil, Carroll, and Harford counties; and
8 generally relating to handgun qualification licenses.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Public Safety
11 Section 5–117.1(e)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Public Safety**

17 5–117.1.

18 (e) An applicant for a handgun qualification license is not required to complete a
19 firearms safety training course under subsection (d) of this section if the applicant:

20 (1) has completed a certified firearms training course approved by the
21 Secretary;

22 (2) has completed a course of instruction in competency and safety in the
23 handling of firearms prescribed by the Department of Natural Resources under § 10–301.1
24 of the Natural Resources Article;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) is a qualified handgun instructor;

2 (4) is an honorably discharged member of the armed forces of the United
3 States or the National Guard;

4 (5) is an employee of an armored car company and has a permit issued
5 under Title 5, Subtitle 3 of the Public Safety Article; [or]

6 (6) lawfully owns a regulated firearm;

7 **(7) IS A RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF ANOTHER STATE**
8 **OR A SUBDIVISION OF ANOTHER STATE, IN GOOD STANDING, WHO:**

9 **(I) SERVED AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FOR AT LEAST**
10 **10 YEARS OR SEPARATED FROM SERVICE DUE TO A SERVICE-CONNECTED INJURY;**
11 **AND**

12 **(II) DURING THE MOST RECENT CALENDAR YEAR HAS MET**
13 **FIREARMS TRAINING QUALIFICATION STANDARDS IN ANOTHER STATE THAT ARE**
14 **EQUIVALENT TO THE STANDARDS REQUIRED IN THIS STATE; OR**

15 **(8) IS AN ACTIVE OR RETIRED CORRECTIONAL OFFICER OR DEPUTY**
16 **WHO HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED INITIAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICER OR DEPUTY**
17 **TRAINING IN CECIL COUNTY, CARROLL COUNTY, OR HARFORD COUNTY.**

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