

HOUSE BILL 1413

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Handgun Permits – Firearms Training Courses**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the requirements for firearms training courses that an initial
4 applicant for a permit to carry, wear, or transport a handgun and an applicant for
5 renewal of a permit must successfully complete; and generally relating to permits to
6 carry, wear, or transport a handgun.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Public Safety
9 Section 5–306(a)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2017 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 5–306.

16 (a) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, the Secretary shall issue a permit
17 within a reasonable time to a person who the Secretary finds:

18 (1) is an adult;

19 (2) (i) has not been convicted of a felony or of a misdemeanor for which
20 a sentence of imprisonment for more than 1 year has been imposed; or

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) if convicted of a crime described in item (i) of this item, has been
2 pardoned or has been granted relief under 18 U.S.C. § 925(c);

3 (3) has not been convicted of a crime involving the possession, use, or
4 distribution of a controlled dangerous substance;

5 (4) is not presently an alcoholic, addict, or habitual user of a controlled
6 dangerous substance unless the habitual use of the controlled dangerous substance is under
7 legitimate medical direction;

8 (5) except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, has successfully
9 completed prior to application and each renewal, a firearms training course approved by
10 the Secretary that includes:

11 (i) 1. for an initial application, a minimum of [16] 8 hours of
12 instruction by a qualified handgun instructor; or

13 2. for a renewal application, [8] 4 hours of instruction by a
14 qualified handgun instructor;

15 (ii) classroom instruction on:

16 1. State firearm law;

17 2. home firearm safety; [and]

18 3. handgun mechanisms and operation; [and]

19 4. **DEADLY FORCE; AND**

20 5. **DISPUTE RESOLUTION; AND**

21 (iii) a firearms qualification component that demonstrates the
22 applicant's proficiency and use of the firearm; and

23 (6) based on an investigation:

24 (i) has not exhibited a propensity for violence or instability that may
25 reasonably render the person's possession of a handgun a danger to the person or to
26 another; and

27 (ii) has good and substantial reason to wear, carry, or transport a
28 handgun, such as a finding that the permit is necessary as a reasonable precaution against
29 apprehended danger.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2018.