

# SENATE BILL 692

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By: Senator Smith

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Firearms Dealers and Employees – Required Training and Exam**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of State Police to disapprove an application for  
4 a State-regulated firearms dealer's license under certain circumstances; requiring  
5 that certain individuals complete certain training and satisfactorily pass a certain  
6 written exam; requiring the Secretary to approve a certain training course and offer  
7 a certain exam on or before a certain date; requiring the Secretary to issue a certain  
8 certificate under certain circumstances; requiring a licensed dealer to maintain  
9 certain records at the licensed dealer's place of business; and generally relating to  
10 required training and exams for licensed firearms dealers and their employees.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

12 Article – Public Safety

13 Section 5–110(a)

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

16 BY adding to

17 Article – Public Safety

18 Section 5–145.2

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

20 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

22 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

23 **Article – Public Safety**

24 5–110.

25 (a) The Secretary shall disapprove an application for a dealer's license if:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



3 (2) the Secretary determines that the application is not properly  
4 completed;

5 (3) the Secretary receives a written notification from the applicant's  
6 licensed attending physician that the applicant suffers from a mental disorder and is a  
7 danger to the applicant or to another; [or]

11 (i) will participate in the management or operation of the business  
12 for which the license is sought; or

13 (ii) holds a legal or equitable interest in the business for which the  
14 license is sought; OR

18 5-145.2.

19       (A) IN THIS SECTION, "EMPLOYEE" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYED BY A  
20 LICENSED DEALER, WHETHER OR NOT FOR COMPENSATION, AND WHOSE DUTIES  
21 INCLUDE:

24 (2) SELLING OR TRANSFERRING FIREARMS

25 (B) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2027:

4 (3) WITHIN 20 DAYS AFTER THE DATE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL IS HIRED  
5 AS AN EMPLOYEE, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL COMPLETE  
6 THE TRAINING AND SATISFACTORILY PASS THE WRITTEN EXAM DESCRIBED UNDER  
7 SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.

(C) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 IMPOSED BY THE SECRETARY.

10 (D) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2026, THE SECRETARY SHALL:

**11 (1) APPROVE AT LEAST ONE TRAINING COURSE THAT:**

**12 (I) MAY BE COMPLETED USING THE INTERNET;**

14 (III) PROVIDES INSTRUCTION ON:

## 2. PREVENTING AND REPORTING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT THE THEFT OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION;

## 4. RECOGNIZING AND REPORTING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT SIGNS OF:

## 23 A. STRAW PURCHASES;

## 24 B. FIREARM TRAFFICKING;

(2) OFFER A WRITTEN MULTIPLE CHOICE EXAM TESTING THE SUBJECTS DESCRIBED IN ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

5 (E) (1) (I) THE EXAM DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(2) OF THIS  
6 SECTION SHALL INCLUDE AT LEAST 20 QUESTIONS.

18 (F) THE SECRETARY MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS  
19 SECTION.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
21 October 1, 2026.