

SENATE BILL 501

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CF HB 1166

By: **Senator McKay**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Handguns – Wear, Carry, and Transport Laws – Handbook Publication**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of State Police to annually publish a certain
4 handbook; requiring the Secretary to make copies of the handbook available to
5 members of the public; and generally relating to the publication of a handbook of the
6 laws relating to the wearing, carrying, and transporting of handguns.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Public Safety

9 Section 5–306(a–3)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 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–3) (1) (I) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2024, AND EACH OCTOBER 1**
17 **THEREAFTER, THE SECRETARY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF THE**
18 **ATTORNEY GENERAL, SHALL PUBLISH A HANDBOOK SUMMARIZING THE STATE**
19 **LAWS THAT APPLY TO THE WEARING, CARRYING, AND TRANSPORTING OF A**
20 **HANDGUN IN PUBLIC IN THE STATE.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 **(II) THE SECRETARY SHALL DRAFT THE HANDBOOK IN PLAIN**
2 **LANGUAGE THAT CAN BE EASILY UNDERSTOOD WITHOUT ANY SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE**
3 **OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE.**

4 **(2) THE SECRETARY SHALL MAKE COPIES OF THE HANDBOOK**
5 **AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC;**

6 **(I) IN PRINTED FORM; AND**

7 **(II) IN ELECTRONIC FORM, ACCESSIBLE ON THE DEPARTMENT’S**
8 **PUBLIC WEBSITE.**

9 **(3) EACH TIME THE SECRETARY PUBLISHES AN UPDATED VERSION**
10 **OF THE HANDBOOK, THE SECRETARY SHALL PROMPTLY NOTIFY EACH PERSON WHO**
11 **CURRENTLY HOLDS A HANDGUN PERMIT UNDER THIS SECTION BY E-MAIL:**

12 **(I) THAT A NEW VERSION OF THE HANDBOOK HAS BEEN**
13 **PUBLISHED; AND**

14 **(II) HOW TO OBTAIN THE HANDBOOK.**

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 2024.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.