

HOUSE BILL 300

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Handgun Permits – Renewal Period for Retired Law**
3 **Enforcement**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing that a handgun permit issued to a retired law
5 enforcement officer of the State or a county or municipal corporation of the
6 State expires on the last day of the holder's birth month following a certain
7 period after the date the permit is issued and may be renewed for successive
8 periods of a certain period each under certain circumstances; and generally
9 relating to handgun permits.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Public Safety
12 Section 5–301(a) and (d) and 5–304(b)(1) and (d)(2)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2011 Replacement Volume)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article – Public Safety
17 Section 5–309
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2011 Replacement Volume)

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

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.



Article – Public Safety

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5–301.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(d) “Permit” means a permit issued by the Secretary to carry, wear, or transport a handgun.

5–304.

(b) (1) Subject to subsections (c) and (d) of this section, the Secretary may charge a nonrefundable fee payable when an application is filed for a permit.

(d) The Secretary may not charge a fee under subsection (b) of this section to:

(2) a retired law enforcement officer of the State or a county or municipal corporation of the State.

5–309.

(a) **[A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A permit expires on the last day of the holder’s birth month following 2 years after the date the permit is issued.**

(b) **[A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A permit may be renewed for successive periods of 3 years each if, at the time of an application for renewal, the applicant possesses the qualifications for the issuance of a permit and pays the renewal fee stated in this subtitle.**

(C) A PERMIT ISSUED TO A RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE STATE OR A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE:

(1) EXPIRES ON THE LAST DAY OF THE HOLDER’S BIRTH MONTH FOLLOWING 5 YEARS AFTER THE DATE THE PERMIT IS ISSUED; AND

(2) MAY BE RENEWED FOR SUCCESSIVE PERIODS OF 5 YEARS EACH IF, AT THE TIME OF AN APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL, THE APPLICANT POSSESSES THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2012.