

# HOUSE BILL 579

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By: **Delegate Elliott**  
Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2012  
Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Regulated Firearms – Exemption from Training Course**

3 FOR the purpose of providing an exemption from certain requirements to complete a  
4 certain firearms training course if an individual is a retired law enforcement  
5 officer of a unit of the federal government, the State, or any local law  
6 enforcement agency in the State; and generally relating to applicants for  
7 regulated firearms.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Public Safety  
10 Section 5–119 and 5–134(c)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2011 Replacement Volume)

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

15 **Article – Public Safety**

16 5–119.

17 A firearm applicant is not required to complete a certified firearms training  
18 course required under §§ 5–118 and 5–134 of this subtitle if the firearm applicant:

19 (1) has already completed a certified firearms training course required  
20 under §§ 5–118 and 5–134 of this subtitle;

21 (2) is a law enforcement officer of the State or any local law  
22 enforcement agency in the State;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (3)    **IS A RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF A UNIT OF THE**  
2 **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THE STATE, OR ANY LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT**  
3 **AGENCY IN THE STATE;**

4           (4)    is a member, retired member, or honorably discharged member of  
5 the armed forces of the United States or the National Guard;

6           [(4)] (5)    is a member of an organization that is required by federal  
7 law governing its specific business or activity to maintain handguns and applicable  
8 ammunition; or

9           [(5)] (6)    holds a permit to carry a handgun under Subtitle 3 of this  
10 title.

11 5–134.

12           (c)    A person is not required to complete a certified firearms safety training  
13 course under subsection (b)(14) of this section and § 5–118(b)(3)(x) of this subtitle if  
14 the person:

15           (1)    has already completed a certified firearms safety training course  
16 required under subsection (b)(14) of this section and § 5–118(b)(3)(x) of this subtitle;

17           (2)    is a law enforcement officer of the State or any local law  
18 enforcement agency in the State;

19           (3)    **IS A RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE FEDERAL**  
20 **GOVERNMENT, THE STATE, OR ANY LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN THE**  
21 **STATE;**

22           (4)    is a member, retired member, or honorably discharged member of  
23 the armed forces of the United States or the National Guard;

24           [(4)] (5)    is a member of an organization that is required by federal  
25 law governing its specific business or activity to maintain handguns and applicable  
26 ammunition; or

27           [(5)] (6)    has been issued a permit to carry a handgun under Subtitle  
28 3 of this title.

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