

SENATE BILL 15

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By: **Senator Bailey**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Firearms – Handgun Permit – Notice of Expiration and Renewal Instructions**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of State Police to provide a certain notice of the
4 impending expiration of a certain handgun permit and certain renewal instructions
5 to a holder of a certain handgun permit at a certain time in a certain manner;
6 ~~providing for the termination of this Act~~; and generally relating to handgun permits.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Public Safety

9 Section 5–309

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

12 Preamble

13 WHEREAS, As of October 1, 2019, the Maryland State Police require all Maryland
14 wear and carry handgun permit applications (original, renewal, and subsequent) and
15 requests (modification and replacement) to be submitted online through the Maryland
16 State Police Licensing Portal; and

17 WHEREAS, A handgun permit, without special accommodation, expires on the last
18 day of the permit holder's birth month following 2 years after the date the handgun permit
19 is issued; and

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 WHEREAS, All handgun permit applicants who filed a paper handgun permit
 2 application submitted on or before October 1, 2019, will not receive an electronic notice
 3 alerting the holder of the handgun permit's impending expiration or the instructions on
 4 how to submit a handgun permit renewal application online through the Licensing Portal;
 5 and

6 WHEREAS, Any paper handgun permit application submitted on or after October 1,
 7 2019, is no longer accepted by the Maryland State Police and is returned to the handgun
 8 permit applicant with the instructions on how to submit the handgun permit application
 9 online through the Licensing Portal; and

10 WHEREAS, There are handgun permit holders in the State who filed a paper
 11 application on or before October 1, 2019, who require notice of the impending expiration of
 12 the handgun permit and the instructions on how to submit a handgun permit application
 13 online through the Licensing Portal; now, therefore,

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 15 That the ~~Secretary of State Police shall mail a postcard that provides written notice of a~~
 16 ~~handgun permit's impending expiration and the instructions on how to submit a renewal~~
 17 ~~handgun permit application online through the Maryland State Police Licensing Portal to~~
 18 ~~a holder of a handgun permit at least 60 days before the expiration of the permit if:~~

19 ~~(1) the holder of the handgun permit filed a paper handgun permit~~
 20 ~~application; and~~

21 ~~(2) the paper handgun permit application was filed on or before October 1,~~
 22 ~~2019.~~ Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Public Safety

24 5–309.

25 (a) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, a permit expires on the
 26 last day of the holder's birth month following 2 years after the date the permit is issued.

27 (b) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, a permit may be renewed for
 28 successive periods of 3 years each if, at the time of an application for renewal, the applicant
 29 possesses the qualifications for the issuance of a permit and pays the renewal fee stated in
 30 this subtitle.

31 (c) A person who applies for a renewal of a permit is not required to be
 32 fingerprinted unless the Secretary requires a set of the person's fingerprints to resolve a
 33 question of the person's identity.

34 (d) The Secretary may establish an alternative expiration date for a permit to
 35 coincide with the expiration of a license, certification, or commission for:

1 (1) a private detective under Title 13 of the Business Occupations and
2 Professions Article;

3 (2) a security guard under Title 19 of the Business Occupations and
4 Professions Article; or

5 (3) a special police officer under § 3-306 of this article.

6 **(E) AT LEAST 60 DAYS BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF A PERMIT, THE**
7 **SECRETARY SHALL PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE OF A HANDGUN PERMIT'S**
8 **IMPENDING EXPIRATION AND INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO SUBMIT A RENEWAL**
9 **HANDGUN PERMIT APPLICATION ONLINE THROUGH THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE**
10 **LICENSING PORTAL TO A HOLDER OF A HANDGUN PERMIT BY:**

11 **(1) ELECTRONIC MAIL, IF THE HOLDER OF THE HANDGUN PERMIT**
12 **HAS PROVIDED AN E-MAIL ADDRESS TO THE SECRETARY; OR**

13 **(2) MAIL.**

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
15 1, 2021. ~~It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2023,~~
16 ~~this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and~~
17 ~~of no further force and effect.~~

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.