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Senate Bill 15 – Firearms – Handgun Permit – Notice of Expiration and Renewal Instructions

Dear Chairman Smith and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to introduce Senate Bill 15 – Firearms – Handgun Permit – Notice of Expiration and Renewal Instructions. Senate Bill 15 requires the Secretary of State Police to provide notice by mail to a holder of a handgun permit of the impending expiration of the permit at least 60 days before the expiration of the permit if the holder filed a paper application on or before October 1, 2019.

This issue was brought to me by a constituent who held a handgun permit. He received no notification before the expiration of his permit and the permit expired. As a result, he and anyone else whose handgun permit expires must go through the entire application process again as if they are being issued a new permit. These permits do not all expire at the same time; some expire after two years and some expire after three years. I am aware that the State Police's systems are now automated, but that does nothing for the permit holders who applied using a paper application prior to October 1, 2019 and whose permits expire during the next two years.

The state currently provides a renewal notice for other licenses that are issued by the state such as Driver's Licenses, car registrations, trailer registrations, and boat registrations. I believe that holders of handgun permits should be afforded the same notice.

This bill is only intended to address those individuals who remain in the previous permitting system which was based on paper applications. Because this issue will be resolved once all permit holders have been processed through the new online system, this bill sunsets in two years.

I respectfully request a favorable report on Senate Bill 15. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Bailey".

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