

Written Testimony of Katie Novotny in support of SB15

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I am a member of Multiple Gun Rights organizations. Maryland Shall Issue, Associated Gun Clubs, Maryland State Rifle and Pistol Association, and the National Rifle Association. I am a certified Range Safety Officer with the NRA. I compete in multiple shooting events such as Steel Challenge, 3-gun, small bore, and vintage military rifle matches. I am an avid firearms collector. I support SB 15.

This common sense bill is a good solution to the temporary problem of ensuring people who have a handgun permit that they submitted under the old paper system, receive notice of expiration and instructions on how to renew under the new electronic system. Current law requires the Maryland State Police to return the paper application and provide instructions to anyone who submits a paper renewal. This speeds the process up by eliminating a step. Many of these people who have submitted by paper in the past may not be aware of the new changes in law that require them to apply online.

The cost is not high for this bill, and it is temporary. It also does not account for the time that would be spent returning paper applications and providing instructions to applicants under the old system, if these permit holders are not sent instructions as this bill requires. As good legislation should, it ceases to be active when it is no longer necessary.

One improvement I would request is that permit holders be mailed letters in sealed envelopes rather than a postcard that anyone could read.

Because of these reasons above, I request a favorable report.

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