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

Dear Chairman Clippinger 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 to a holder of a handgun permit of the impending expiration of the permit at least 60 days before the expiration of the permit.

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 Maryland State Police's systems are now automated, but that does nothing to help the permit holders who applied using a paper application prior to October 1, 2019 and whose permits expire during the next two years. It is important that we implement the requirements of this bill now to ensure that all current license holders receive notice. I am aware that MSP is concerned about the costs of sending this notice by mail. For this reason, the bill as amended by the Senate allows the notice to be sent by e-mail if the State Police has an e-mail address on file. MSP should be able to send e-mail notices to all permit holders, as an e-mail address has been requested on the renewal application since at least 2017.

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 passed the Senate 45-0. 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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