

Please **OPPOSE** SB86

Rifles and Shotguns – Possession – Age Requirement (Raise the Age Act of 2023)

Just last year, the Ninth Circuit court struck down a California law banning persons under 21 years of age from purchasing centerfire semi-automatic weapons as “a severe burden” on core Second Amendment rights. [1] I recommend reviewing the *Jones v. Bonta* case to show how off the mark SB86 is. [2]

In a more recent settlement in Tennessee, 18 to 20 can now openly carry firearms. In this settlement, 18 to 20 year olds can obtain concealed carry handgun permits also. This ruling was about handguns too, not just the more common hunting, sporting and defensive rifles and shotguns. This article [3] is dated 1/25/2023. I would also like to emphasize the piece in the article that says the Firearms Policy Coalition, who brought the suit, was awarded \$47,250 in attorney's fees.

Please withdraw this bill; do not burden the Maryland taxpayer with the eventual attorney fees that will result if this is litigated.

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[1] <https://news.yahoo.com/ninth-circuit-tosses-california-law-113947627.html>

[2]

https://assets.nationbuilder.com/firearmspolicycoalition/pages/5345/attachments/original/1673918177/Jones_v_Boanta_103_MPI.pdf?1673918177

[3] <https://tennesseestar.com/2023/01/25/court-settlement-lowers-tennessee-concealed-carry-age-to-18/>