

HB0546 /SB0324 Handgun Permits – Accidental Discharge and Training Requirements – Maryland State Police Gun Center (Firearm Safety Act of 2024)

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I am State Director of The DC Project-Women for Gun Rights and the State Leader of the Armed Women of America. I stand in solidarity with the Ladies of both groups, numbering many more than just myself. I am also a professional Multi-disciplined Firearms Instructor and Maryland QHIC.

I understand the Senator is trying to find a way to make themselves and their families safer. I too would like to be safe.

This is a bill that seems to be an infringement on our 2nd Amendment Rights as it imposes additional burdens and restrictions on lawful gun owners. It also seems to me that self-reporting could also lead to self-incrimination, and why would someone report them self if there was no damage or no injury – and no criminal activity involved. If criminal intent was present it would not be accidental, and it would be done by a criminal who does not follow laws in the first place.

Additionally, there would be once again more state mandated training involved, a financial burden and a burden to MSP to determine what must be taught and who must teach it. MSP would be burdened by adding more people to work the administrivia that would be involved with approving the training, tracking the completions of the training and the reinstatement of permits to those who have done all of the required training.

I would ask for an unfavorable report on this bill.