

HOUSE BILL 741

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By: Delegate Taylor

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Firearms Dealers and Employees – Required Training and Exam**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of State Police to disapprove an application for
4 a State-regulated firearms dealer's license under certain circumstances; requiring
5 that certain individuals complete certain training and satisfactorily pass a certain
6 written exam; requiring the Secretary to approve a certain training course and offer
7 a certain exam on or before a certain date; requiring the Secretary to issue a certain
8 certificate under certain circumstances; requiring a licensed dealer to maintain
9 certain records at the licensed dealer's place of business; and generally relating to
10 required training and exams for licensed firearms dealers and their employees.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

12 Article – Public Safety

13 Section 5–110(a)

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

16 BY adding to

17 Article – Public Safety

18 Section 5–145.2

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

20 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

22 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

23 **Article – Public Safety**

24 5–110.

25 (a) The Secretary shall disapprove an application for a dealer's license if:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) the Secretary determines that the applicant supplied false information
2 or made a false statement;

3 (2) the Secretary determines that the application is not properly
4 completed;

5 (3) the Secretary receives a written notification from the applicant's
6 licensed attending physician that the applicant suffers from a mental disorder and is a
7 danger to the applicant or to another; [or]

8 (4) the Secretary determines that the applicant intends that a person who
9 is not eligible to be issued a dealer's license or whose dealer's license has been revoked or
10 suspended:

11 (i) will participate in the management or operation of the business
12 for which the license is sought; or

13 (ii) holds a legal or equitable interest in the business for which the
14 license is sought; OR

15 **(5) THE APPLICANT HAS FAILED TO COMPLETE THE TRAINING OR**
16 **SATISFACTORILY PASS THE WRITTEN EXAM REQUIRED UNDER § 5-145.2 OF THIS**
17 **SUBTITLE.**

18 **5-145.2.**

19 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, "EMPLOYEE" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYED BY A**
20 **LICENSED DEALER, WHETHER OR NOT FOR COMPENSATION, AND WHOSE DUTIES**
21 **INCLUDE HANDLING FIREARMS WITHIN THE LICENSED DEALER'S PLACE OF**
22 **BUSINESS.**

23 **(B) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2027:**

24 **(1) BEFORE AN INDIVIDUAL MAY APPLY TO BECOME A LICENSED**
25 **DEALER UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL COMPLETE THE TRAINING**
26 **AND SATISFACTORILY PASS THE WRITTEN EXAM DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION**
27 **(D) OF THIS SECTION;**

28 **(2) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A LICENSED DEALER ANNUALLY SHALL**
29 **COMPLETE THE TRAINING AND SATISFACTORILY PASS THE WRITTEN EXAM**
30 **DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION; AND**

31 **(3) WITHIN 20 DAYS AFTER THE DATE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL IS HIRED**
32 **AS AN EMPLOYEE, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL COMPLETE**

1 THE TRAINING AND SATISFACTORILY PASS THE WRITTEN EXAM DESCRIBED UNDER
2 SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.

3 (C) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT
4 TO A CIVIL PENALTY NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 IMPOSED BY THE SECRETARY.

5 (D) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2026, THE SECRETARY SHALL:

6 (1) APPROVE AT LEAST ONE TRAINING COURSE THAT:

7 (I) MAY BE COMPLETED USING THE INTERNET;

8 (II) INCLUDES WRITTEN TRAINING MATERIALS; AND

9 (III) PROVIDES INSTRUCTION ON:

10 1. STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS REGULATING THE
11 TRANSFER OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION;

12 2. PREVENTING AND REPORTING TO LAW
13 ENFORCEMENT THE THEFT OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION;

14 3. TEACHING CUSTOMERS FIREARM SAFETY, INCLUDING
15 SAFE STORAGE AND HANDLING OF FIREARMS; AND

16 4. RECOGNIZING AND REPORTING TO LAW
17 ENFORCEMENT SIGNS OF:

18 A. STRAW PURCHASES;

19 B. FIREARM TRAFFICKING;

20 C. FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY; AND

21 D. AN INDIVIDUAL WHO INTENDS TO USE A FIREARM FOR
22 AN UNLAWFUL PURPOSE OR SELF-HARM; AND

23 (2) OFFER A WRITTEN MULTIPLE CHOICE EXAM TESTING THE
24 SUBJECTS DESCRIBED IN ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

25 (E) (1) (I) THE EXAM DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(2) OF THIS
26 SECTION SHALL INCLUDE AT LEAST 20 QUESTIONS.

1 (ii) THE SECRETARY MAY NOT LIMIT THE NUMBER OF TIMES
2 THAT AN INDIVIDUAL MAY ATTEMPT THE EXAM.

3 (2) THE SECRETARY SHALL FIND THAT AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS
4 CORRECTLY ANSWERED AT LEAST 70% OF THE EXAM QUESTIONS HAS
5 SATISFACTORILY PASSED THE EXAM AND SHALL ISSUE THE INDIVIDUAL A
6 CERTIFICATE STATING THAT THE INDIVIDUAL HAS SATISFACTORILY PASSED THE
7 EXAM.

8 (3) A LICENSED DEALER SHALL MAINTAIN AT THE LICENSED
9 DEALER'S PLACE OF BUSINESS A COPY OF EACH CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE
10 SECRETARY TO THE LICENSED DEALER AND THE LICENSED DEALER'S EMPLOYEES
11 UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

12 (F) THE SECRETARY MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS
13 SECTION.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2026.