

Chapter 618

(House Bill 312)

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Renewal of Handgun Permits – Fingerprinting

FOR the purpose of specifying that a person who applies for the renewal of a handgun permit is not required to be fingerprinted except under certain circumstances; and generally relating to handgun permits.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 5–301(a) and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 5–309(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Public Safety
Section 5–309(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Public Safety

5–301.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(d) “Permit” means a permit issued by the Secretary to carry, wear, or transport a handgun.

5–309.

(b) **[A] SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION,** A permit may be renewed for successive periods of 3 years each if, at the time of an application for renewal,

the applicant possesses the qualifications for the issuance of a permit and pays the renewal fee stated in this subtitle.

(C) A PERSON WHO APPLIES FOR A RENEWAL OF A PERMIT IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE FINGERPRINTED UNLESS THE SECRETARY REQUIRES A SET OF THE PERSON'S FINGERPRINTS TO RESOLVE A QUESTION OF THE PERSON'S IDENTITY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2016.

Approved by the Governor, May 19, 2016.