

HB 0966 Public Safety

HQL Training Exemption

HQL = Handgun
Qualification
License

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What is the HQL (Handgun Qualification License)?

- To purchase a handgun in the state of Maryland, one will need an HQL
- The HQL consists of
 - 4 hours of training, (classroom instruction of laws and safety, as well as range time)
 - Finger prints recorded with the State

What is HB 0966?

- It would allow those in Law Enforcement in neighboring states (and the District) to qualify for training exemption as Active Law Enforcement Officers
- This bill is specific to Law Enforcement personnel serving in Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and the District of Columbia

Maryland Law Enforcement training exemption

- The HQL exempts only those in Maryland Law Enforcement
- Law Enforcement officers who live in Maryland and work for an agency outside of Maryland should still qualify for the training exemption for the HQL

Questions?

Please vote favorably on HB 0966