



**Maryland Citizens
Defense League**



Testimony on HB 1075

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The bill makes it a misdemeanor to IMPORT regulated firearms so people moving to this state and having firearms that they purchased in their original home states would now be guilty of this crime. For those people, there does not appear to be any lawful alternative but to sell, or store outside of Maryland, those firearms before moving here.

The effect of this IMPORTING misdemeanor will be to trap many people in Maryland firearms laws who would otherwise not be a problem for the legal system. This continued effort on the part of some Maryland legislators to ensnare law-abiding residents is sickening. It appears that the sponsors have an ATTITUDE OF CONTEMPT for the civil rights of Maryland residents.

This bill acts as a restraint of interstate trade and violates the US Constitution giving the federal government the power to regulate that trade, not Maryland. It creates that restraint by preventing people from finding and ordering firearms to be brought into Maryland through an FFL when the exact same firearm could be ordered and imported for sale in Maryland by the FFL for sale in his shop. One impact on this legislation will be to raise the cost for unusual or specialized firearms (e.g. target pistols) which are not commonly stocked. So it will be impossible for Maryland residents to take advantage of the national market for use firearms and national market prices. Since the handling (application and approval) to purchase the firearm is the same as any other, it is difficult to see a benefit to public safety in preventing Maryland purchasers from buying in other states and shipping to FFLs in Maryland.