



The State of the Session



WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO MPGV in Annapolis

The Maryland General Assembly's 2023 Session has just three weeks left and MPGV has been hard at work advancing gun safety legislation. Curious what that involves? Here's a synopsis!

MPGV in Action

- Testified in 11 Committee Hearings
- Provided guidance on policy details to legislators at voting sessions and prior to floor debates
- Organized public health experts, gun violence prevention experts, survivors, and supporters
- Attended countless legislator meetings, voting sessions, and floor sessions
- Launched two Call to Action Alerts resulting in over 300 constituent outreaches to legislators



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MPGV Priority Legislation

GUNS IN PUBLIC SPACES BILLS-SBI/HB824

The Supreme Court's 2022 Bruen decision weakened Maryland's existing firearms safety laws, resulting in a huge spike in permits to carry guns in public. These bills counter that in a number of ways including barring people with a demonstrated propensity for violence from public carry and clearly listing places deemed too sensitive for firearms.

CURRENT STATUS

- SBI passed the Senate Third Reader, clearing the Senate
- HB824 passed House Third Reader, clearing the House
- Both bills will begin making their way through the opposite chamber and lawmakers will convene to tailor the final legislation

JAELYNN'S LAW - SB858/HB307

Firearms are the leading cause of death of Maryland's youth. Strong Child Access Prevention laws save lives in a variety of ways, including reducing unintentional youth-involved shootings, youth suicide, "harm to others" events such as school shootings, and the diversion of legal guns to criminal markets. These bills change the coverage to include older minors and prohibited people, mandate safe storage and require the State Department of Health to develop public education materials on the new legal standards and the risks of unsafe storage.

CURRENT STATUS

- SB858 passed the Senate Third Reader with bipartisan support, clearing the Senate
- Critical components of HB307 were added to HB 824 (see above)
- SB858 will begin making its way through the House as lawmakers begin meeting to work out the final form of the legislation

DATA COLLECTION ON GUNS RELINQUISHED UNDER FINAL PROTECTIVE ORDERS-SB185/HB3

Maryland currently has no universal process for surrendering firearms under final protective orders. As the first step in addressing a problem begins with understanding, this legislation requires the Maryland State Police (MSP) Gun Center to track firearms relinquished under final orders to help illuminate any weakness in the system. Once problems are known, solutions can be put in place, ensuring guns are kept out of the hands of perpetrators of abuse.

CURRENT STATUS

- PASSED in both chambers!

Other Important Legislation

- **SB159/HB162 - Voluntary Do Not Sell List:** has cleared the House
- **SB113/HB259 - Gun Industry Accountability;** not likely to advance this year*
- **SB598 - Increased funding for Maryland Violence Intervention and Prevention;** not advancing this year*
- **HB515 - Active Shooter Safety Drill Requirements/Safe Storage Education;** cleared the House unanimously; Senate hearing 4/4/23
- **SB788/HB861 - Victim Compensation;** not likely to advance this year*

*Developing and passing legislation is most often a multi-year process



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