

HOUSE BILL 1659

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CF SB 789

By: **Delegates Otto, Adams, Anderton, Beitzel, Carozza, Ghrist, and Jacobs**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2018

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Rifles and Shotguns – Purchases**

3 FOR the purpose of altering a provision of law to authorize a resident of this State who is
4 eligible to purchase a rifle or shotgun under the laws of another state to purchase a
5 rifle or shotgun from a certain dealer in the other state, instead of limiting the
6 purchase to an adjacent state; altering a provision of law to authorize a resident of
7 another state who is eligible to purchase a rifle or shotgun under the laws of this
8 State to purchase a rifle or shotgun from a certain dealer in this State, instead of
9 limiting the purchase to a resident of an adjacent state; repealing a certain
10 definition; and generally relating to rifles and shotguns.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Public Safety
13 Section 5–204
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Public Safety**

19 5–204.

20 (a) [In this section, “adjacent state” means Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, or
21 West Virginia.

22 (b)] If a resident of this State is eligible to purchase a rifle or shotgun under the
23 laws of [an adjacent] **ANOTHER** state, the resident may purchase a rifle or shotgun from a
24 federally licensed gun dealer in the [adjacent] **OTHER** state.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 ~~[(c)]~~ **(B)** If a resident of ~~[an adjacent]~~ **ANOTHER** state is eligible to purchase a
2 rifle or shotgun under the laws of this State, the resident may purchase a rifle or shotgun
3 from a federally licensed gun dealer in this State.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2018.