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**Maryland General Assembly - 2008 Calendar**

February 1 <sup>st</sup>	Senate Bill Introduction Date
February 8 <sup>th</sup>	House Bill Introduction Date
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Final Bill Introduction Date
March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Opposite Chamber Bill Crossover Date
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Adjournment "Sine Die"

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**Maryland Handgun Roster Board**

Tonight, the Senate Executive Nominations Committee is scheduled to consider the Governor's nomination of Leonard Lucchi to represent CeaseFire Maryland (Marylanders Against Handgun Abuse) on the Maryland Handgun Roster Board.

The hearing will be held at 5:00 PM in the William Amoss Hearing Room in the Miller Senate Office Building.

As previously noted, Mr. Lucchi's confirmation is not yet a done deal. Many things can and often do happen that delay or derail the confirmation of a nominee.

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**Bill Hearing Schedule - This Week**

**February 5th - Tuesday - House Judiciary - 1:00 PM**

**House Bill 275** - Crimes - Violation of Restriction Against Possession of Regulated Firearms Penalties

**February 6th - Wednesday - House Judiciary - 1:00 PM**

**House Bill 322** - Criminal Law - Assault Against a Transit Vehicle Passenger - Penalties

**House Bill 324** - Criminal Law - Assault Against a Transit Vehicle Operator - Penalties

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**Bill Hearing Schedule - Week of Feb. 10th**

**February 13th - Wednesday - Senate Judiciary - 1:00**

**Senate Bill 299**

Public Safety – Possession of Regulated Firearm by a Person Under 21 Years – Penalty

**February 13th - Wednesday - House Judiciary - 1:00**

**House Bill 745**

City of Hagerstown - Fire and Explosives Investigators - Authority

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**Bill Hearing Schedule - Week of Feb. 17th**

**February 21th - Wednesday - House Judiciary - 1:00**

**House Bill 182**

Domestic Violence - Permanent Protective Order After Conviction and Imprisonment

**House Bill 640**

Family Law – Temporary Protective Orders – Surrender of Firearms

**House Bill 659**

Domestic Violence - Temporary Protective Order - Additional Relief

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**Bill Hearing Schedule - Week of Feb. 24th**

**February 26th - Wednesday - House Judiciary - 1:00**  
**Ways & Means - 1:00**

**House Bill 517**

Regulated Firearms - Encoded Ammunition - Tax

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**NOTE: House Bill 517 will be heard on the same day, at the same time, in two different committees.**

## 2008 Session - Gun Bills

### Pro-Gun Bills

#### **House Bill 2**

Public Safety - Handgun Permits - Repeal of Finding Requirement

*For the purpose of repealing the requirement that the Secretary of State Police find that a person has a good and substantial reason to wear, carry, or transport a handgun before issuing a certain handgun permit to the person; and generally relating to the issuing of handgun permits by the Secretary of State Police. (Heard 01-22-08)*

**SUPPORT**

### Anti-Gun Bills

#### **Senate Bill 42 / House Bill 640 (crossfiled bills)**

Family Law – Temporary Protective Orders – Surrender of Firearms

*For the purpose of authorizing a judge in entering a temporary protective order to order a certain person to surrender to law enforcement authorities any firearm in the person's possession for a certain period of time; and generally relating to temporary protective orders and surrender of firearms.*

(House Hearing 02-21-08)

**OPPOSE**

#### **Senate Bill 299**

Public Safety – Possession of Regulated Firearm by a Person Under 21 Years – Penalty

*For the purpose of adding a misdemeanor penalty provision for the possession of a regulated firearm or certain ammunition by a person under a certain age; and generally relating to the possession of a regulated firearm and penalties. (Hearing 02-13-08)*

**OPPOSE**

**Note:** OPPOSE because the bill contains no clearly defined safeguards for carry permit holders who are between 18 and 21 years of age and hunters under 21 years of age.

#### **SB 585**

Public Safety - Regulated Firearms - Reporting Lost or Stolen

(bill text not yet available)

#### **House Bill 517**

**Regulated Firearms - Encoded Ammunition - Tax**

*Authorizing a person to sell ammunition for a regulated*

*firearm on or after January 1, 2009, only in accordance with the Act; requiring an ammunition manufacturer to encode ammunition for a regulated firearm in a specified way; requiring the Secretary of State Police beginning on January 1, 2009, to establish and maintain an encoded ammunition database; imposing a tax of 5 cents per round on the sale of encoded ammunition beginning on January 1, 2009; etc. (Hearing 02-26-08 in House Judiciary and Ways & Means)*

**OPPOSE**

### Gun Related Bills

#### **House Bill 22**

Crimes - Possession of Firearm While in Possession of Certain Controlled Dangerous Substances – Penalties

*For the purpose of prohibiting a person from knowingly and intentionally possessing, carrying, or transporting a firearm while simultaneously possessing certain controlled dangerous substances; providing penalties for a violation of this Act; providing that a sentence imposed under this Act shall be consecutive to and not concurrent with another sentence imposed for a crime based on the act establishing the violation of this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to possession of firearms and controlled dangerous substances. (Heard 01-22-08)*

**No Position**

**House Bill 275** - Crimes – Violation of Restriction Against Possession of Regulated Firearm – Penalties

*For the purpose of increasing the penalty for violation of the restriction against possession of a certain regulated firearm by a person who was previously convicted of a certain crime; and generally relating to the possession of regulated firearms. (Hearing 02-05-08)*

**No Position**

#### **House Bill 306**

Public Safety – Handgun Permit Application Fee – Waiver for State Judges

*For the purpose of prohibiting the Secretary of State Police or the Secretary's designee from charging a sitting judge of the Court of Appeals, the Court of Special Appeals, the circuit court of a county, or the District Court a fee to apply for a handgun permit; and generally relating to handgun permits. (Heard 01-30-08)*

**OPPOSE**

**Note:** OPPOSE because judges are almost guaranteed an unrestricted permit, they can easily afford to pay the fee, and it relegates non-judges to second class citizens. Judges work for us - we don't work for them.

**Gun Related Bills (continued)**

**House Bill 659**

Domestic Violence - Temporary Protective Order - Additional Relief

*Authorizing a court in a specified proceeding for relief from abuse to order the respondent to surrender specified firearms and to refrain from possessing firearms under specified circumstances; requiring a law enforcement officer to provide specified information to a respondent when a firearm is surrendered and to provide for the safe storage of the firearm; providing for the retaking of surrendered firearms by the respondent under specified circumstances; etc. (Hearing 02-21-08)*

**House Bill 745 / SB 613 (crossfiled bills)**

City of Hagerstown - Fire and Explosives Investigators - Authority

(bill text not yet available)

**Senate Bill 244**

Criminal Law – Use of Firearm in the Commission of a Crime of Violence or a Felony

*For the purpose of prohibiting the use of certain firearms in the commission of certain crimes of violence or felonies; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the use of certain firearms in the commission of certain crimes of violence or felonies.* **No Position**

**Senate Bill 558**

Criminal Procedure - Consecutive or Concurrent Sentence for Unlawful Possession of Regulated Firearm - Diminution Credit Eligibility

(bill text not yet available)

**Senate Bill 586**

Public Safety - Restrictions on Possession of Firearms - Conviction of Disqualifying Crime and Protective Order

(bill text not yet available)

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**Hunting Bills**

**House Bill 655**

Natural Resources - Hunting Licenses - Minimum Age

Prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from issuing a hunting license to a person who is under the age of 13 years; providing that specified suspensions of hunting privileges for specified hunting violations for persons under the age of 13 years shall begin on the person's 13th birthday;

requiring an application for a hunting license to include the date of birth of the applicant; etc. () **OPPOSE**

**House Bill 657**

Natural Resources - Black Bear Hunt - Prohibition

*Classifying black bears as nongame mammals; prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from reducing the black bear population in the State with specified exceptions; prohibiting the Department from establishing an open season to hunt black bears; etc. ()* **OPPOSE**

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**Other Bills**

**House Bill 64 - Senate Bill 3 (crossfiled bills)**

Fallen Soldier Privacy Act of 2008

*For the purpose of prohibiting a person from using the name, portrait, picture, or image of a certain deceased soldier for certain purposes without prior consent from certain individuals; defining a certain term; establishing a certain penalty; and generally relating to the use of a deceased soldier's identity.*

(Heard 01-29-08 Economic Matters)

(Heard 01-15-08 Senate Finance)

**SUPPORT**

**House Bill 108**

Public Safety - Electronic Weapons - Prohibition

*Prohibiting a person from possessing, using, selling, distributing, offering to sell or distribute, or transporting into the State an electronic weapon; establishing penalties; requiring the Police Training Commission to require specified training in the proper use of electronic weapons; etc. (Heard 01-24-08)* **OPPOSE**

**House Bill 182 / Senate Bill 393 (crossfiled bills)**

Domestic Violence - Permanent Protective Order After Conviction and Imprisonment

*For the purpose of providing that a protective order is permanent if a respondent is convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for a certain act of abuse; and generally relating to protective orders.*(Hearing 2-21-08) **No Position**

**House Bill 322**

Criminal Law – Assault Against a Transit Vehicle Passenger – Penalties

*For the purpose of prohibiting a person from committing first degree assault against a passenger in a certain transit vehicle; imposing a certain mandatory minimum term of imprisonment on a person who is convicted of first degree assault against a passenger on a certain transit vehicle;*

*providing that the mandatory minimum term of imprisonment may not be suspended; providing that a person sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment for a certain conviction may not be granted parole except under certain circumstances; establishing the crime of assault against a passenger on a certain transit vehicle as an assault in the second degree; prohibiting a person from intentionally causing physical injury to another if the other is a passenger on a certain transit vehicle; providing for a certain penalty; defining a certain term; and generally relating to assault against a transit vehicle passenger. (Hearing 02-06-08)*

**No Position**

#### **House Bill 324**

Criminal Law – Assault Against a Transit Vehicle Operator – Penalties

*For the purpose of prohibiting a person from committing a first degree assault against a person operating a certain transit vehicle; imposing a certain mandatory minimum term of imprisonment on a person who is convicted of first degree assault against a person operating a certain transit vehicle; providing that the mandatory minimum term of imprisonment may not be suspended; providing that a person sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment for a certain conviction may not be granted parole except under certain circumstances; establishing the crime of assault against a person operating a certain transit vehicle as an assault in the second degree; prohibiting a person from intentionally causing physical injury to another if the other is operating a certain transit vehicle; providing for a certain penalty; defining a certain term; and generally relating to assault against a person operating a transit vehicle. (Hearing 02-06-08)*

**No Position**

## **Bills Already Heard in Committee**

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### **Gun Shows**

#### **Silverado**

February 16th and 17th  
Saturday 9-5 and Sunday 9-3  
Show Place Arena - MD Routes 4 & 301  
Upper Marlboro, Maryland  
[www.silveradogunshow.com](http://www.silveradogunshow.com)

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