

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That ~~[[Section 36E(b)]] Sections 36E(b) and (c)~~ of Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) be and ~~[[it is]] they are~~ hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

36E.

(b) The Superintendent may charge a nonrefundable fee not to exceed ~~[\$15.00,] \$25~~, payable at the time an application for a permit or renewal of a permit is filed. ~~[[A PERMIT FEE MAY NOT BE CHARGED A PERSON WHO IS EMPLOYED BY THE STATE, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, OR ANY OF THEIR GOVERNMENTAL UNITS, IF HIS DUTIES REQUIRE HIM TO CARRY A HANDGUN.]]~~ All ~~[such]~~ fees collected by the Superintendent shall be credited to a special fund for the account of the Maryland State Police. The expenses of administering the provisions of this section, except for the per diem compensation and expenses of the Handgun Permit Review Board, shall be paid from the ~~[said]~~ special fund, but nothing shall preclude the Governor from including general fund appropriations in his executive budget for such purposes if the special fund is inadequate therefor.

(c) A permit issued under this section shall expire on the last day of the holder's birth month following two years after its issuance. The permit may be renewed, upon application and payment of the renewal fee, for successive periods of [two] THREE years each, if the applicant, at the time of application, possesses the qualifications set forth in this section for the issuance of a permit.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1975.

Approved May 15, 1975.

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CHAPTER 666

(House Bill 263)

AN ACT concerning

Civil Defense - Maryland Disaster Act