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## ADVISORY

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TO: Maryland's Licensed Firearms Dealers – Verification of the Handgun Qualification License

The Maryland Department of State Police, Licensing Division's Command, is disseminating this Advisory to remind all Maryland's Licensed Firearms Dealers that unless otherwise exempted, a person may not purchase, rent or receive a handgun unless they possess a valid Handgun Qualification License (H.Q.L.) issued by the Maryland Department of State Police. All applicants must show/provide the physical Handgun Qualification License. Email printouts, screenshots of their license number or copies of their license should not be accepted.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Handgun Qualification License Unit, by email, at [msh.hql@maryland.gov](mailto:msh.hql@maryland.gov), or call the Licensing Division at 410-653-4500. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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