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## Attorney General Anthony Brown Files Petition for Rehearing in Handgun Licensing Case *Maryland Shall Issue v. Wes Moore*

**BALTIMORE, MD (December 5, 2023)** – Today, the Office of the Attorney General filed a [petition](#) for a rehearing *en banc* in the case of *Maryland Shall Issue v. Wes Moore*, in which the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit ruled unconstitutional Maryland’s law requiring most citizens to obtain a license before acquiring a handgun.

On November 21, 2023, a divided three-judge panel of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled 2-1 that Maryland’s law violated the Second Amendment. Attorney General Brown is asking for a rehearing of the case *en banc*, which means that the case would be heard again before the full 15-judge appellate court.

“The Second Amendment does not prohibit states from enacting common-sense gun laws like Maryland’s handgun licensing law,” **said Attorney General Brown**. “My office will continue to defend laws that are designed to protect Marylanders from gun violence.”

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