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Attorney General Brown Statement on Rehearing in Handgun Licensing Case *Maryland Shall Issue v. Wes Moore*

BALTIMORE, MD (January 11, 2024) – The United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit today granted Maryland’s petition for rehearing *en banc* in the case of *Maryland Shall Issue v. Wes Moore*.

The ruling means that the full appellate court will reconsider the November ruling by a three-judge panel of the court that Maryland’s law requiring most citizens to obtain a license before acquiring a handgun was unconstitutional. The Office of the Attorney General filed the [petition](#) requesting the rehearing *en banc* last month.

“The ongoing gun violence plaguing our streets and our communities continues to take innocent lives and tear families apart,” **said Attorney General Brown**. “I welcome the court’s decision to rehear this case and will continue to defend common-sense gun laws to protect Marylanders from these unnecessary and very preventable tragedies. Hopes and wishes do not take guns off our streets, but common-sense gun safety laws do.”

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