Firearms Restoration Process

1. You submit your Application and Authorization Letter to the FRU by email, fax, or Postal Service.

2. The Firearms Restoration Unit (FRU) reviews these documents and may ask for additional information in the form of mental health and criminal justice records, attestations of character, and a statement from a psychiatrist or psychologist who has treated you for mental disorder.

3. The additional material is reviewed and the FRU asks you to come in for an interview.

4. After reviewing all documents, the FRU makes a decision about whether or not you are able to own firearms.

5. If the FRU decides that you can own firearms, it will send a certificate to that effect to the Maryland State Police so that you will no longer be barred from firearms purchase or ownership.

6. If the FRU decides that you have not proven that you are able to own firearms safely, it will inform you of the decision, and you may request an appeal by filing Form 4755 with the FRU.

Note: The law defining the restoration process is part of the Code of Maryland, Public Safety Article, § 5-133.3.

Please send your application and documents to:

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Maryland Department of Health
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Catonsville MD 21228
410 402-8701
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