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Kipke v. Moore – Challenge to MD Sensitive Places Firearms Restrictions

The U.S. Supreme Court has declined to hear the appeal challenging Maryland's "sensitive place" restrictions.

On November 18, 2026, the Fourth Circuit issued a mandate which dissolves the previously issued stay and the following challenged statutes restricting the carrying of firearms are **NOW IN EFFECT AND ENFORCEABLE:**

1. locations selling alcohol, Md. Code Ann., Crim. Law § 4-111(a)(2)(8)(i); and
2. within 1,000 feet of a public demonstration, Md. Code Ann., Crim. Law § 4-208.

As a reminder, the Fourth Circuit found that the carrying of firearms in private buildings or property without the owner's consent to be **unconstitutional and shall not be enforced.**

Questions regarding this advisory may be submitted by email to: msp.handgunpermits@maryland.gov.

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