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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. a location licensed to sell or dispense alcohol or cannabis for on–site consumption, Md. Code Ann., Crim. Law §4-111(a)(2)(9)(i); and
2. in the person's possession or on or about the person at a demonstration in a public place or in a vehicle that is within 1,000 feet of a demonstration in a public place after:
   (i) the person has been advised by a law enforcement officer that a demonstration is occurring at the public place; and
   (ii) the person has been ordered by the law enforcement officer to leave the area of the demonstration until the person disposes of the firearm. within 1,000 feet of a public demonstration, Md. Code Ann., Crim. Law §4-208(b)(2).

As a reminder, the Fourth Circuit found that the carrying of firearms in private buildings or property without the owner's consent (Md. Code Ann., Crim. Law § 6-411) to be **unconstitutional and shall not be enforced.**

For additional information on where firearms are prohibited in Maryland, please visit the Prohibited Places To Carry a Firearm page of the Maryland State Police website.

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

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