

# HOUSE BILL 140

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By: **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Police)**  
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Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Explosives – Definitions**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the term “explosives”, as that term applies to provisions  
4 relating to manufacturer’s and dealer’s explosives licenses and licenses to  
5 possess certain explosives, to include bombs designed to operate in a certain  
6 manner and certain combinations of components that are sold or offered for sale  
7 together for the purpose of being combined to create an explosive; and generally  
8 relating to the definition of explosives.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article – Public Safety  
11 Section 11–101(a) and 11–105(a)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2003 Volume and 2010 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article – Public Safety  
16 Section 11–101(c)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2003 Volume and 2010 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
20 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article – Public Safety**

22 11–101.

23 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (c) (1) "Explosives" means gunpowder, powders for blasting, high  
2 explosives, blasting materials, fuses other than electric circuit breakers, detonators  
3 and other detonating agents, smokeless powder, and any chemical compound or  
4 mechanical mixture that contains oxidizing and combustible units or other ingredients  
5 in such proportions, quantities, or packing that ignition by fire, friction, concussion,  
6 percussion, or detonation of any part of the compound or mixture may and is intended  
7 to cause an explosion.

8 (2) "Explosives" includes [bombs]:

9 (I) BOMBS and destructive devices designed to operate by  
10 chemical, mechanical, or explosive action; AND

11 (II) ANY COMBINATION OF TWO OR MORE COMPONENTS  
12 THAT ARE SOLD OR OFFERED FOR SALE TOGETHER FOR THE PURPOSE OF BEING  
13 COMBINED TO CREATE AN EXPLOSIVE.

14 (3) "Explosives" does not include fixed ammunition for small arms,  
15 small arms ammunition primers, small arms percussion caps, safety and pyrotechnic  
16 fuses, quills, quick and slow matches, friction primers, fireworks, or common matches  
17 when used in their original configuration.

18 11-105.

19 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, a person shall obtain a  
20 license issued under this subtitle before the person engages in business as a  
21 manufacturer or dealer, possesses explosives other than explosives for use in firearms,  
22 or possesses or stores explosives for use in firearms in the State.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 October 1, 2011.