

HOUSE BILL 240

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By: **Delegates Moon, Atterbeary, Korman, Proctor, Sanchez, and Sydnor**

Introduced and read first time: January 18, 2018

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Law Enforcement – Federal Surplus Program – Equipment Acquisition**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain law enforcement agencies from receiving certain
4 equipment from a federal military surplus program; requiring certain law
5 enforcement agencies to post notice of a request for certain equipment from a federal
6 military surplus program within a certain period of time; and generally relating to
7 local law enforcement agencies and the acquisition of equipment from a federal
8 military surplus program.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Public Safety

11 Section 3–520

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Public Safety**

17 **3–520.**

18 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
19 INDICATED.

20 (2) “DESTRUCTIVE DEVICE” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 4–501 OF
21 THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE.

22 (3) “FIREARM SILENCER” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 5–621 OF
23 THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(4) “LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §**
2 **3-201 OF THIS TITLE.**

3 **(5) “SURPLUS PROGRAM” MEANS A PROGRAM OPERATED BY THE**
4 **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE TRANSFER OF SURPLUS MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO**
5 **A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.**

6 **(B) A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY MAY NOT RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING**
7 **EQUIPMENT FROM A SURPLUS PROGRAM:**

8 **(1) AN ARMORED OR WEAPONIZED:**

9 **(I) AIRCRAFT;**

10 **(II) DRONE; OR**

11 **(III) VEHICLE;**

12 **(2) A DESTRUCTIVE DEVICE;**

13 **(3) A FIREARM SILENCER; OR**

14 **(4) A GRENADE LAUNCHER.**

15 **(C) WITHIN 14 DAYS AFTER A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY REQUESTS**
16 **EQUIPMENT FROM A SURPLUS PROGRAM, THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL**
17 **POST NOTICE OF THE REQUEST ON A PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE WEBSITE.**

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, 2018.