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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Taser Weapons - Prohibition**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from possessing, manufacturing, selling,
4 transferring, purchasing, or receiving a taser weapon; establishing an exception for
5 law enforcement personnel under certain circumstances; establishing certain
6 penalties; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the prohibition of taser
7 weapons.

8 BY adding to

9 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
10 Section 36A-1
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

15 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

16 36A-1.

17 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "TASER WEAPON" MEANS ANY DEVICE THAT IS
18 MANUFACTURED, DESIGNED, OR MAY BE READILY CONVERTED TO TEMPORARILY
19 STUN, KNOCK OUT, OR PARALYZE A PERSON BY PASSING AN ELECTRICAL SHOCK BY
20 MEANS OF A DART OR OTHER PROJECTILE.

21 (B) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON
22 MAY NOT POSSESS, MANUFACTURE, SELL, TRANSFER, PURCHASE, OR RECEIVE A
23 TASER WEAPON.

24 (C) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO LAW
25 ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, AS DEFINED IN § 36F OF THIS ARTICLE, WHILE ACTING
26 IN THE SCOPE OF THEIR OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

27 (D) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR
28 AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT FOR A TERM OF NOT MORE
29 THAN 2 YEARS OR A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,000 OR BOTH.

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1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 1996.