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Assigned to: Judiciary

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Pistols and Revolvers - Straw Transactions - Prohibition**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from selling, buying, transferring, accepting  
4 delivery of, or attempting or conspiring to sell, buy, transfer, or accept delivery of a  
5 pistol or revolver through a straw transaction; defining a certain term; and generally  
6 relating to the straw transactions of pistols and revolvers.

7 BY adding to

8 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
9 Section 445(d)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

14 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

15 445.

16 (D) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "STRAW TRANSACTION" MEANS THE SALE OR  
17 DELIVERY OF A PISTOL OR REVOLVER BY A LICENSED FIREARMS DEALER TO A  
18 PERSON WHO IS ACTING AS AN AGENT OR INTERMEDIARY FOR ANOTHER WHOM  
19 THE PERSON KNOWS OR HAS REASON TO KNOW IS INELIGIBLE UNDER FEDERAL OR  
20 STATE LAW TO PURCHASE A FIREARM DIRECTLY FROM THE DEALER.

21 (2) A PERSON MAY NOT KNOWINGLY SELL, BUY, TRANSFER, ACCEPT  
22 DELIVERY OF, OR ATTEMPT OR CONSPIRE TO SELL, BUY, TRANSFER, OR ACCEPT  
23 DELIVERY OF A PISTOL OR REVOLVER THROUGH A STRAW TRANSACTION.

24 (3) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO PERSONS WHO PURCHASE A  
25 PISTOL OR REVOLVER WITH THE INTENT OF MAKING A BONA FIDE GIFT OF THE  
26 PISTOL OR REVOLVER TO ANOTHER.

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