
By: Senator Trotter

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Crimes and Punishments - Minors - Sale of Straight Razors**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from selling, bartering, or giving away a straight
4 razor to a minor; establishing certain penalties; and generally relating to the sale of
5 deadly or dangerous weapons to minors.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
8 Section 406
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

13 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

14 406.

15 (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, barter or give away to any minor:

16 (1) Any firearms or other deadly weapons or ammunition, except with the
17 express permission of a parent or guardian of the minor; [or]

18 (2) Pepper mace; OR

19 (3) A STRAIGHT RAZOR.

20 (b) Any person violating this section shall on conviction pay a fine of not less than
21 fifty nor more than two hundred dollars, together with the costs of prosecution. On
22 failure to pay the fine and costs, the person shall be committed to jail and confined until
23 such fine and costs are paid, or for the period of sixty days, whichever shall first occur.

24 (c) The provisions of this section do not apply to:

25 (1) A member of any organized militia in Maryland, when said member is
26 engaged in supervised training, marksmanship activities or any other performance of his
27 official duty; or

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1 (2) Any adult or qualified supervisor or instructor of a recognized
2 organization engaged in the instruction of marksmanship.

3 (d) (1) In this section[, "pepper mace"] THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE
4 MEANINGS INDICATED.

5 (2) "PEPPER MACE" means an aerosol propelled combination of highly
6 disabling irritant pepper based products and is also known as oleoresin capsicum (o.c.)
7 spray.

8 (3) "STRAIGHT RAZOR" MEANS A RAZOR WITH A RIGID STEEL CUTTING
9 BLADE HINGED TO A CASE THAT FORMS A HANDLE WHEN THE RAZOR IS OPEN FOR
10 USE.

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