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By: **Delegate Vallario**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Firearms - Possession After Criminal Convictions**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing certain criminal penalties for a person who is convicted  
4 of possessing a regulated firearm after having been previously convicted of a  
5 crime of violence or felony; and generally relating to the penalties for possessing  
6 a regulated firearm after being convicted of a crime of violence or felony.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
9 Section 445(d)(1)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

12 BY adding to  
13 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
14 Section 449(f)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

19 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

20 445.

21 (d) A person may not possess a regulated firearm if the person:

22 (1) Has been convicted of:

23 (i) A crime of violence;

24 (ii) Any violation classified as a felony in this State;

1                   (iii)     Any violation classified as a misdemeanor in this State that  
2 carries a statutory penalty of more than 2 years; or

3                   (iv)     Any violation classified as a common law offense where the  
4 person received a term of imprisonment of more than 2 years.

5 449.

6     (F)     (1)     A PERSON WHO VIOLATES § 445(D)(1)(I) AND (II) OF THIS SUBHEADING  
7 IS GUILTY OF A FELONY AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT FOR  
8 NOT MORE THAN 20 YEARS OR A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$20,000 OR BOTH.

9     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
10 effect October 1, 1998.