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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Crimes - Firearms - Penalties**

3 FOR the purpose of making felonies of certain crimes relating to the illegal sale,
4 rental, transfer, purchase, possession, and receipt of regulated firearms and
5 applications relating to regulated firearms; and generally relating to penalties
6 for crimes relating to regulated firearms.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
9 Section 445(c)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
14 Section 449
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 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 (c) A person may not sell, rent, or transfer:

22 (1) Ammunition solely designed for a regulated firearm to a person who
23 is under 21 years of age; or

24 (2) A firearm, other than a regulated firearm, ammunition for a firearm,
25 pepper mace, or other deadly weapon to a minor.

1 449.

2 (a) Any person who violates any of the provisions of § 445(c) of this subheading
3 is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or
4 imprisoned for not more than 1 year or both.

5 (b) Any person who knowingly gives any false information or makes any
6 material misstatement in an application to purchase a regulated firearm or an
7 application for a regulated firearms dealer's license shall be guilty of a
8 [misdemeanor] FELONY and upon conviction be fined not more than \$5,000 or
9 imprisoned for not more than 3 years, or both.

10 (c) Any person who violates any of the provisions of § 442A of this subheading
11 is guilty of a [misdemeanor] FELONY and shall upon conviction be fined not more
12 than \$5,000 or imprisoned for not more than 3 years or both.

13 (d) Any person or dealer who is a knowing participant in a straw purchase of
14 a regulated firearm to a prohibited person or to a minor, or transports regulated
15 firearms into this State for the purpose of illegal sale or trafficking of a regulated
16 firearm shall be guilty of a [misdemeanor] FELONY and upon conviction be fined not
17 more than \$25,000 or imprisoned for not more than 10 years, or both. Each violation
18 shall be considered a separate offense.

19 (e) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any dealer or person who
20 knowingly participates in the illegal sale, rental, transfer, purchase, possession, or
21 receipt of a regulated firearm in violation of this subheading shall be guilty of a
22 [misdemeanor] FELONY and upon conviction shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or
23 imprisoned for not more than 5 years, or both. Each violation shall be considered a
24 separate offense.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 2000.