

SENATE BILL 11

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By: **Senator Currie**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Regulated Firearms - Straw Purchases**

3 FOR the purpose of making it a felony to participate in a straw purchase of a  
4 regulated firearm; and generally relating to straw purchases of firearms.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
6 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
7 Section 441(a), (d), (n), (r), and (w)  
8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
9 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
12 Section 449(d)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

17 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

18 441.

19 (a) In this subheading the following words have the meanings indicated.

20 (d) "Assault weapon" means any of the following specific firearms or their  
21 copies regardless of which company produced and manufactured that firearm:

22 (1) American Arms Spectre da Semiautomatic carbine;

23 (2) AK-47 in all forms;

24 (3) Algimec AGM-1 type semi-auto;

- 1 (4) AR 100 type semi-auto;
- 2 (5) AR 180 type semi-auto;
- 3 (6) Argentine L.S.R. semi-auto;
- 4 (7) Australian Automatic Arms SAR type semi-auto;
- 5 (8) Auto-Ordnance Thompson M1 and 1927 semi-automatics;
- 6 (9) Barrett light .50 cal. semi-auto;
- 7 (10) Beretta AR70 type semi-auto;
- 8 (11) Bushmaster semi-auto rifle;
- 9 (12) Calico models M-100 and M-900;
- 10 (13) CIS SR 88 type semi-auto;
- 11 (14) Claridge HI TEC C-9 carbines;
- 12 (15) Colt AR-15, CAR-15, and all imitations except Colt AR-15 Sporter  
13 H-BAR rifle;
- 14 (16) Daewoo MAX 1 and MAX 2, aka AR 100, 110C, K-1, and K-2;
- 15 (17) Dragunov Chinese made semi-auto;
- 16 (18) Famas semi-auto (.223 caliber);
- 17 (19) Feather AT-9 semi-auto;
- 18 (20) FN LAR and FN FAL assault rifle;
- 19 (21) FNC semi-auto type carbine;
- 20 (22) F.I.E./Franchi LAW 12 and SPAS 12 assault shotgun;
- 21 (23) Steyr-AUG-SA semi-auto;
- 22 (24) Galil models AR and ARM semi-auto;
- 23 (25) Heckler and KOCH HK-91 A3, HK-93 A2, HK-94 A2 and A3;
- 24 (26) Holmes model 88 shotgun;
- 25 (27) Avtomat Kalashnikov semiautomatic rifle in any format;
- 26 (28) Manchester Arms "Commando" MK-45, MK-9;
- 27 (29) Mandell TAC-1 semi-auto carbine;

- 1 (30) Mossberg model 500 Bullpup assault shotgun;
- 2 (31) Sterling Mark 6;
- 3 (32) P.A.W.S. carbine;
- 4 (33) Ruger mini-14 folding stock model (.223 caliber);
- 5 (34) SIG 550/551 assault rifle (.223 caliber);
- 6 (35) SKS with detachable magazine;
- 7 (36) AP-74 Commando type semi-auto;
- 8 (37) Springfield Armory BM-59, SAR-48, G3, SAR-3, M-21 sniper rifle,  
9 M1A, excluding the M1 Garand;
- 10 (38) Street sweeper assault type shotgun;
- 11 (39) Striker 12 assault shotgun in all formats;
- 12 (40) Unique F11 semi-auto type;
- 13 (41) Daewoo USAS 12 semi-auto shotgun;
- 14 (42) UZI 9mm carbine or rifle;
- 15 (43) Valmet M-76 and M-78 semi-auto;
- 16 (44) Weaver Arms "Nighthawk" semi-auto carbine; or
- 17 (45) Wilkinson Arms 9mm semi-auto "Terry".

18 (n) "Handgun" means any firearm with a barrel less than 16 inches in length  
19 including signal, starter, and blank pistols.

20 (r) "Regulated firearm" means:

- 21 (1) Any handgun as defined in this section; or
- 22 (2) Any assault weapon as defined in this section.

23 (w) "Straw purchase" means any sale of a regulated firearm where the  
24 individual uses another person (the straw purchaser) to complete the application to  
25 purchase a regulated firearm, take initial possession of that firearm, and  
26 subsequently transfer that firearm to the individual.

27 449.

28 (d) Any person or dealer who is a knowing participant in a straw purchase of  
29 a regulated firearm to a prohibited person or to a minor, or transports regulated  
30 firearms into this State for the purpose of illegal sale or trafficking of a regulated

1 firearm shall be guilty of a [misdemeanor] FELONY and upon conviction be fined not  
2 more than \$25,000 or imprisoned for not more than 10 years, or both. Each violation  
3 shall be considered a separate offense.

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