
By: **Senator Roesser**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Crimes - Falsified Identification Cards**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person, with fraudulent intent, from selling,
4 issuing, offering for sale, or distributing any falsified license, identification card,
5 or other document of personal identification issued through a State agency;
6 increasing the penalty for a violation of certain provisions of law relating to
7 identification cards and documents; defining a term; and generally relating to
8 falsified identification cards and documents.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
11 Section 233E
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

16 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

17 233E.

18 (a) (1) In this section[, "offer] THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE
19 MEANINGS INDICATED.

20 (2) "FALSIFIED" INCLUDES ALTERED, COUNTERFEITED, DUPLICATED,
21 OR FORGED.

22 (3) "OFFER for sale" includes any inducement, solicitation, attempt, or
23 printed or media advertisement intended to encourage a person to purchase an
24 identification card.

25 (b) (1) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, a
26 person may not sell, issue, offer for sale, or offer to issue any identification card or
27 document which contains a blank space for a person's age or date of birth, or an
28 incorrect age or date of birth of a person.

1 (ii) A manufacturer of identification cards or documents may sell or
2 issue identification cards or documents containing a blank space for a person's age or
3 date of birth to employers, for use as employee identification cards or documents, to
4 hospitals for use as patient identification cards, or to governmental agencies.

5 (2) A PERSON MAY NOT, WITH FRAUDULENT INTENT, SELL, ISSUE,
6 OFFER FOR SALE, OR DISTRIBUTE ANY FALSIFIED LICENSE, IDENTIFICATION CARD,
7 OR OTHER DOCUMENT OF PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION ISSUED THROUGH ANY STATE
8 AGENCY.

9 [(2)] (3) The State's Attorney for any county or the City of Baltimore in
10 which a violation of this section occurs, or the Attorney General, may petition to
11 enjoin any sale or issue, or offer for sale or offer to issue, in violation of this section by
12 application to a court of competent jurisdiction.

13 [(3)] (4) Any person violating the provisions of this section is guilty of a
14 misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$2,000 or
15 imprisonment not exceeding [2] 3 years, or both, for each identification card or
16 document sold or issued, or each offer for sale or offer to issue, in violation of the
17 provisions of this section.

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