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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Convictions - Restoration of Civil Rights**

3 FOR the purpose of specifying that, for purposes of a certain federal law concerning
4 firearms, a person's civil rights shall be deemed restored if the person was
5 convicted of certain crimes and sentenced to certain terms of confinement under
6 certain circumstances; and generally relating to the restoration of civil rights
7 after certain convictions.

8 BY adding to
9 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
10 Section 445C
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

15 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

16 445C.

17 FOR PURPOSES OF 18 U.S.C. § 921(A)(20), A PERSON'S CIVIL RIGHTS SHALL BE
18 DEEMED RESTORED IF THE PERSON WAS CONVICTED OF A COMMON LAW
19 MISDEMEANOR AND SENTENCED TO SERVE A TERM OF CONFINEMENT, NOT
20 INCLUDING THE SUSPENDED PORTION OF A SENTENCE, OF:

21 (1) 30 DAYS OR FEWER; OR

22 (2) MORE THAN 30 DAYS AND FEWER THAN 6 MONTHS IF MORE THAN 10
23 YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE EXPIRATION OF THE SENTENCE, INCLUDING ANY
24 TERM OF PAROLE OR PROBATION.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 July 1, 2002.