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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.