

SENATE BILL 8

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Senator Colburn**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Crimes - Counterfeiting United States Currency**

3 FOR the purpose of making it unlawful to manufacture with intent to defraud,
4 counterfeit, cause to be counterfeited, or willingly aid or assist in counterfeiting
5 United States currency; making it unlawful to make, transmit, or have control of
6 certain types of images of United States currency with intent to defraud;
7 providing criminal penalties for a violation of this Act; and generally relating to
8 the counterfeiting of United States currency.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

10 Article - Criminal Law
11 Section 1-101(c)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2002 Volume)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

15 Article - Criminal Law
16 Section 8-604
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2002 Volume)

19 BY adding to

20 Article - Criminal Law
21 Section 8-604
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2002 Volume)

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

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Article - Criminal Law

2 1-101.

3 (c) "Counterfeit" means to forge, counterfeit, materially alter, or falsely make.
4 8-604.

5 (A) A PERSON MAY NOT:

6 (1) MANUFACTURE UNITED STATES CURRENCY WITH INTENT TO
7 DEFRAUD;

8 (2) COUNTERFEIT, CAUSE TO BE COUNTERFEITED, OR WILLINGLY AID
9 OR ASSIST IN COUNTERFEITING UNITED STATES CURRENCY; OR

10 (3) MAKE, SCAN, RECORD, REPRODUCE, TRANSMIT, OR HAVE IN THE
11 PERSON'S CONTROL, CUSTODY, OR POSSESSION AN ANALOG, DIGITAL, OR
12 ELECTRONIC IMAGE OF UNITED STATES CURRENCY WITH INTENT TO DEFRAUD.

13 (B) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY AND ON
14 CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 10 YEARS OR A FINE
15 NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR BOTH.

16 [8-604.] 8-604.1.

17 (a) A person may not knowingly possess, with unlawful intent, or issue
18 counterfeit United States currency.

19 (b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on
20 conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 3 years or a fine not exceeding
21 \$1,000 or both.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
23 effect October 1, 2003.