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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Crimes - Assault with an Object that Reasonably Appears or is Represented**
3 **to be a Firearm**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from committing an assault with an object
5 that reasonably appears or is represented to be a firearm.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Criminal Law
8 Section 3-202
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2002 Volume)

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

13 **Article - Criminal Law**

14 3-202.

15 (a) (1) A person may not intentionally cause or attempt to cause serious
16 physical injury to another.

17 (2) A person may not commit an assault with a firearm, including:

18 (i) a handgun, antique firearm, rifle, shotgun, short-barreled
19 shotgun, or short-barreled rifle, as those terms are defined in § 4-201 of this article;

20 (ii) an assault pistol, as defined in § 4-301 of this article;

21 (iii) a machine gun, as defined in § 4-401 of this article; and

22 (iv) a regulated firearm, as defined in Article 27, § 441 of the Code.

23 (3) A PERSON MAY NOT COMMIT AN ASSAULT WITH AN OBJECT THAT:

24 (I) REASONABLY APPEARS TO BE A FIREARM; OR

1 (II) THE PERSON REPRESENTS TO BE A FIREARM EVEN THOUGH
2 THE OBJECT IS NOT A FIREARM.

3 (b) A person who violates this section is guilty of the felony of assault in the
4 first degree and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 25 years.

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