

SENATE BILL 571

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By: **Senator Forehand**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law - Fictitious and Fraudulent Government Identification**
3 **Documents - Prohibition**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the possession, display, and the causing to be
5 displayed of a fictitious or fraudulently altered government identification
6 document; prohibiting the loan of a government identification document to
7 another or knowingly allowing the use of a government identification document
8 by another; prohibiting a person from displaying or representing as the person's
9 own a government identification document not issued to the person;
10 establishing certain criminal penalties for a violation of this Act; defining a
11 certain term; and generally relating to prohibiting the possession, display, and
12 use of fictitious and fraudulent government identification documents.

13 BY adding to
14 Article - Criminal Law
15 Section 8-303
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2002 Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

20 **Article - Criminal Law**

21 8-303.

22 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, "GOVERNMENT IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT"
23 MEANS A DOCUMENT ISSUED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OR ANY STATE
24 OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

25 (2) "GOVERNMENT IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT" INCLUDES:

26 (I) A PASSPORT;

27 (II) AN IMMIGRATION VISA;

- 1 (III) AN ALIEN REGISTRATION CARD;
2 (IV) AN EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION CARD;
3 (V) A BIRTH CERTIFICATE;
4 (VI) A SOCIAL SECURITY CARD;
5 (VII) A MILITARY IDENTIFICATION;
6 (VIII) AN ADOPTION DECREE; AND
7 (IX) A MARRIAGE LICENSE.

8 (B) A PERSON MAY NOT:

9 (1) POSSESS A FICTITIOUS OR FRAUDULENTLY ALTERED GOVERNMENT
10 IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT;

11 (2) DISPLAY, CAUSE, OR ALLOW TO BE DISPLAYED A FICTITIOUS OR
12 FRAUDULENTLY ALTERED GOVERNMENT IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT;

13 (3) LEND A GOVERNMENT IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT TO ANOTHER
14 OR KNOWINGLY ALLOW THE USE OF THE PERSON'S GOVERNMENT IDENTIFICATION
15 DOCUMENT BY ANOTHER; OR

16 (4) DISPLAY OR REPRESENT AS THE PERSON'S OWN A GOVERNMENT
17 IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT NOT ISSUED TO THE PERSON.

18 (C) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR
19 AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 6 MONTHS OR
20 A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$500 OR BOTH.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2004.