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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Crimes - Robbery by Display of Written Instrument Claiming Possession of**
3 **Dangerous Weapon - Penalty**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from committing or attempting to commit a
5 robbery by displaying a written instrument claiming that the person has
6 possession of a dangerous weapon; establishing a certain penalty for violation of
7 this Act; and generally relating to robbery by display of a written instrument
8 claiming possession of a dangerous weapon.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article - Criminal Law
11 Section 3-402
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2002 Volume and 2004 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article - Criminal Law
16 Section 3-403
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2002 Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

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Article - Criminal Law

2 3-402.

3 (a) A person may not commit or attempt to commit robbery.

4 (b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a felony and on conviction is
5 subject to imprisonment not exceeding 15 years.

6 3-403.

7 (a) A person may not commit or attempt to commit robbery under § 3-402 of
8 this subtitle:

9 (1) with a dangerous weapon; OR

10 (2) BY DISPLAYING A WRITTEN INSTRUMENT CLAIMING THAT THE
11 PERSON HAS POSSESSION OF A DANGEROUS WEAPON.12 (b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a felony and on conviction is
13 subject to imprisonment not exceeding 20 years.14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
15 effect October 1, 2005.