

HOUSE BILL 1013

E4

9lr2654

By: **Delegates Conaway and Rosenberg**
Introduced and read first time: February 13, 2009
Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Rifles and Shotguns – Possession by a Minor Prohibited**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a minor from possessing a rifle or shotgun in
4 Baltimore City; providing certain exceptions to the provisions of this Act; and
5 generally relating to possession of a rifle or shotgun by a minor in Baltimore
6 City.

7 BY adding to
8 Article – Public Safety
9 Section 5–206
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2003 Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Public Safety**

15 **5–206.**

16 (A) **THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN BALTIMORE CITY.**

17 (B) **A MINOR MAY NOT POSSESS A RIFLE OR SHOTGUN.**

18 (C) **THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:**

19 (1) **THE TEMPORARY TRANSFER OR POSSESSION OF A RIFLE OR**
20 **SHOTGUN, IF THE PERSON IS:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (I) UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF ANOTHER WHO IS AT
2 LEAST 21 YEARS OLD AND WHO IS NOT PROHIBITED BY STATE OR FEDERAL LAW
3 FROM POSSESSING A FIREARM; OR

4 (II) ACTING WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE PARENT OR
5 LEGAL GUARDIAN OF THE TRANSFEREE OR PERSON IN POSSESSION;

6 (2) THE TRANSFER BY INHERITANCE OF TITLE, AND NOT OF
7 POSSESSION, OF A RIFLE OR SHOTGUN;

8 (3) THE TEMPORARY TRANSFER OR POSSESSION OF A RIFLE OR
9 SHOTGUN IF THE PERSON IS:

10 (I) PARTICIPATING IN MARKSMANSHIP TRAINING OF A
11 RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION; AND

12 (II) UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A QUALIFIED
13 INSTRUCTOR;

14 (4) A PERSON WHO IS REQUIRED TO POSSESS A RIFLE OR
15 SHOTGUN FOR EMPLOYMENT AND WHO HOLDS A PERMIT UNDER SUBTITLE 3 OF
16 THIS TITLE; OR

17 (5) THE POSSESSION OF A RIFLE OR SHOTGUN FOR
18 SELF-DEFENSE OR THE DEFENSE OF OTHERS AGAINST A TRESPASSER INTO THE
19 RESIDENCE OF THE PERSON IN POSSESSION OR INTO A RESIDENCE IN WHICH
20 THE PERSON IN POSSESSION IS AN INVITED GUEST.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2009.