HOUSE BILL 3

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By: **Delegate Conaway** Requested: July 13, 2009

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1	AN ACT concerning
2 3	Business Regulation – Employees Who Carry Firearms – Protective Body Armor
4 5 6	FOR the purpose of requiring an employer to provide protective body armor to an employee who is required to carry a firearm loaded with live rounds; defining certain terms; and generally relating to protective body armor for employees.
7	BY adding to
8	Article – Business Regulation
9 10	Section 1–211 Annotated Code of Maryland
11	(2004 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)
12	BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13	Article – Public Safety
14	Section 4–101(e) and 5–101(h)
15	Annotated Code of Maryland
16	(2003 Volume and 2009 Supplement)
17	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
18	MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
19	Article - Business Regulation
20	1–211.
21	(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE
22	MEANINGS INDICATED.

- "FIREARM" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 5-101 OF THE 1 **(2)** 2 PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE. "LIVE ROUND" MEANS A CARTRIDGE FOR A FIREARM THAT 3 CONTAINS GUNPOWDER AND A BULLET OR SHOT. 4 "PROTECTIVE BODY ARMOR" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 5 6 4–101 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE. 7 AN EMPLOYER THAT REQUIRES AN EMPLOYEE TO CARRY A (B) 8 FIREARM LOADED WITH LIVE ROUNDS SHALL PROVIDE PROTECTIVE BODY 9 ARMOR TO THAT EMPLOYEE. 10 Article - Public Safety 11 4-101."Protective body armor" means a vest or similar article that is: 12 (e) 13 designed to be worn on the body to protect against blunt force (1) 14 trauma associated with the impact of a firearm projectile; and 15 (2) manufactured of bullet resistant fabric that conforms to National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Standard 0101.03 (or the current edition) and V-50 ballistic 16 17 testing requirements. 18 5–101. "Firearm" means: 19 (h) (1) 20 a weapon that expels, is designed to expel, or may readily be (i) converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; or 2122(ii) the frame or receiver of such a weapon. 23 (2) "Firearm" includes a starter gun.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2010.