

SENATE BILL 968

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CF HB 1160

By: **Senators Washington, Carter, Hayes, and McCray**
Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2020
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Imitation Firearms – Prohibition**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the sale and display of certain imitation firearms in
4 Baltimore City; providing that a certain violation is a civil offense subject to certain
5 fines; defining certain terms; and generally relating to imitation firearms in
6 Baltimore City.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Criminal Law

9 Section 4–111

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Criminal Law**

15 **4–111.**

16 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
17 **INDICATED.**

18 **(2) “FIREARM” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 5–101 OF THE PUBLIC**
19 **SAFETY ARTICLE.**

20 **(3) “IMITATION FIREARM” MEANS A TOY, A DEVICE, OR AN OBJECT**
21 **THAT SUBSTANTIALLY DUPLICATES OR CAN REASONABLY BE PERCEIVED TO BE A**
22 **FIREARM.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN BALTIMORE CITY.**

2 **(C) A PERSON MAY NOT SELL, OFFER TO SELL, OR DISPLAY AN IMITATION**
3 **FIREARM.**

4 **(D) A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS A CIVIL OFFENSE PUNISHABLE BY A**
5 **FINE NOT EXCEEDING:**

6 **(1) \$500 FOR THE FIRST OFFENSE; AND**

7 **(2) \$1,500 FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE.**

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2020.