## **HOUSE BILL 21**

E44 lr 0779HB 159/23 – JUD (PRE-FILED) By: Delegate Attar Requested: September 28, 2023 Introduced and read first time: January 10, 2024 Assigned to: Judiciary A BILL ENTITLED AN ACT concerning Criminal Procedure - Warrantless Arrest - Straw Purchase Participant FOR the purpose of adding the crime of knowingly being a participant in a straw purchase of a regulated firearm to the list of crimes subject to warrantless arrest; and generally relating to warrantless arrest. BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Criminal Procedure Section 2–203 Annotated Code of Maryland (2018 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement) BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article – Public Safety Section 5-141 Annotated Code of Maryland (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement) SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: Article - Criminal Procedure 2-203.A police officer without a warrant may arrest a person if the police officer has probable cause to believe: (1) that the person has committed a crime listed in subsection (b) of this

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

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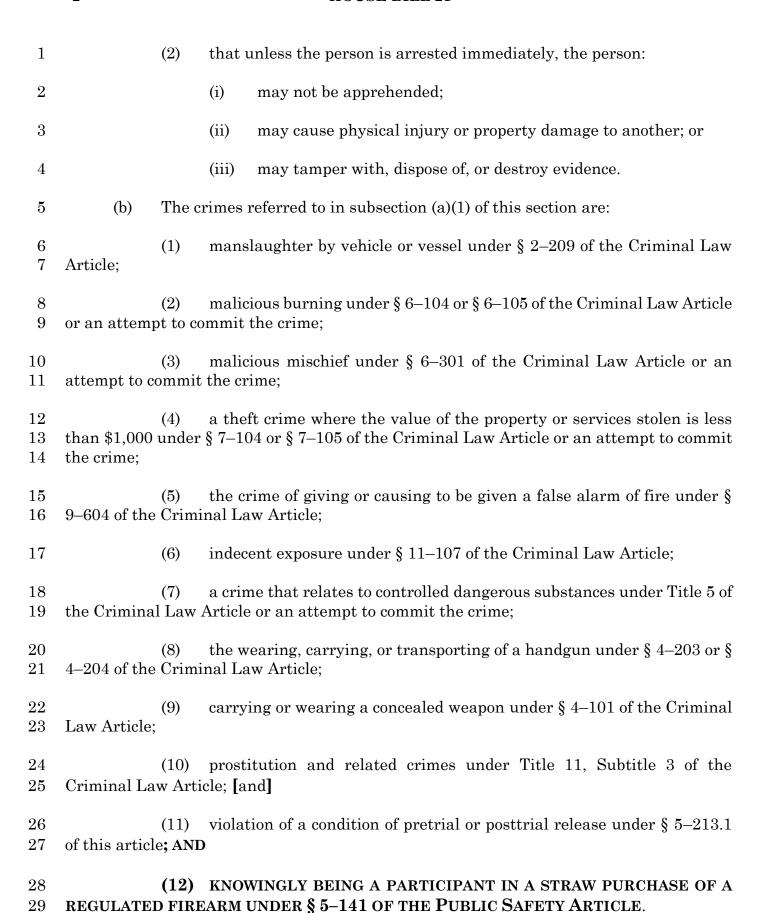
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## Article - Public Safety

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- 3 (a) A dealer or other person may not be a knowing participant in a straw purchase 4 of a regulated firearm for a minor or for a person prohibited by law from possessing a 5 regulated firearm.
- 6 (b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction 7 is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 10 years or a fine not exceeding \$25,000 or both.
- 8 (c) Each violation of this section is a separate crime.
- 9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 10 October 1, 2024.