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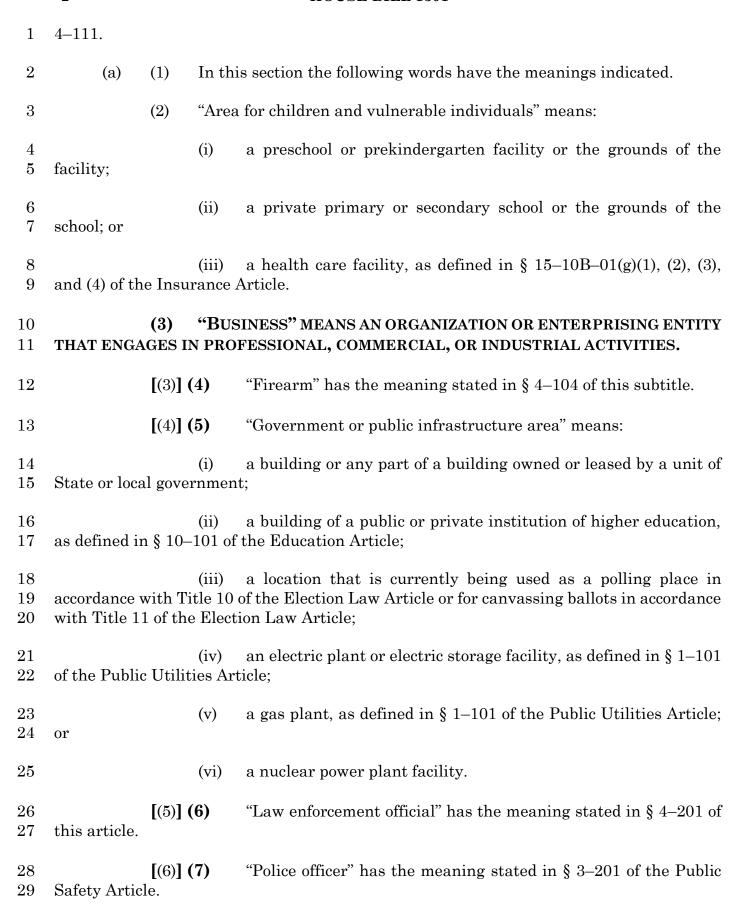
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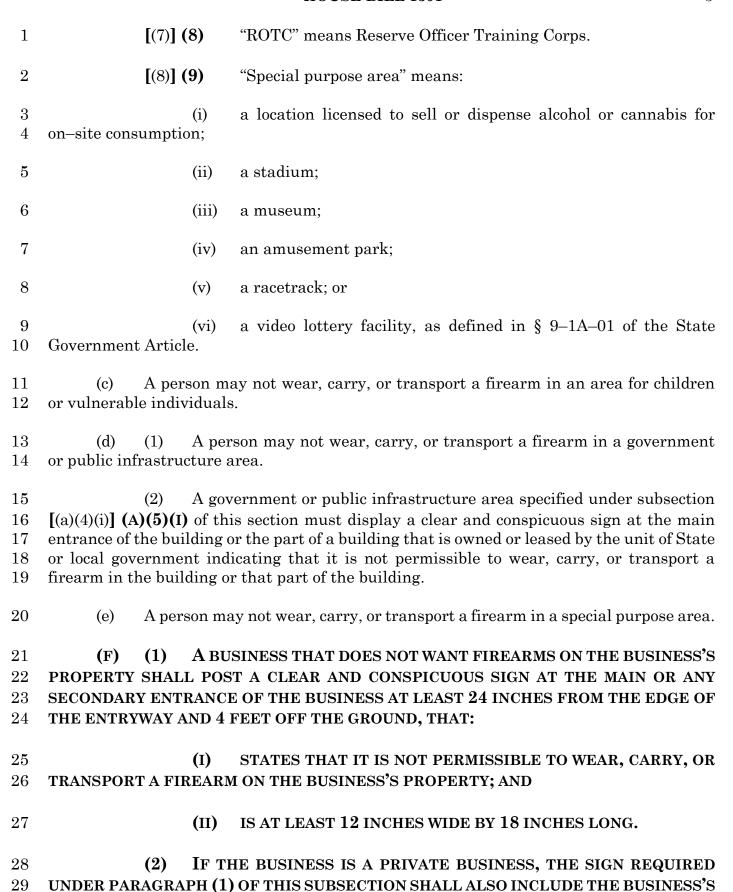
Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning
2 3	Wearing, Carrying, or Transporting Firearms – Business Sign Posting Requirements
4	FOR the purpose of requiring a business that does not want firearms on the business's
5 6	property to post a certain sign in a certain location; and generally relating to the wearing, carrying, or transporting of firearms.
7	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8	Article – Criminal Law
9	Section 4–111(a), (d), and (f) through (i)
10	Annotated Code of Maryland
11	(2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
12	BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13	Article – Criminal Law
14	Section 4–111(c) and (e)
15	Annotated Code of Maryland
16	(2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
17	BY adding to
18	Article – Criminal Law
19	Section 4–111(f)
20	Annotated Code of Maryland
21	(2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
22	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND.
23	That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
24	Article – Criminal Law







ADDRESS CLEARLY AND CONSPICUOUSLY ON THE FRONT OF THE SIGN.

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HOUSE BILL 1301

- [(f)] (G) A person who willfully violates subsection (c), (d)(1), or (e) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or both.
- 4 **[**(g)**] (H)** (1) A conviction under this section may not merge with a conviction for any other crime based on the act establishing the violation of this section.
- 6 (2) A sentence imposed under this section may be imposed separate from 7 and consecutive to or concurrent with a sentence for any crime based on the act establishing 8 the violation of this section.
- 9 **[(h)] (I)** For purposes of this section, a requirement to keep a handgun concealed 10 is not violated by:
- 11 (1) the momentary and inadvertent exposure of a handgun; or
- 12 (2) the momentary and inadvertent exposure of the imprint or outline of a 13 handgun.
- I(i)] (J) Nothing in this section limits the power of an administrative head of a Maryland court to punish for contempt or to adopt rules or orders regulating, allowing, restricting, or prohibiting the possession of weapons in any building housing the court or any of its proceedings, or on any grounds appurtenant to the building.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2024.