

cealed Weapons", relating to the specific inclusion of switch blade knife within the classification of concealed weapons.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That sub-section (a) of Section 44 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Concealed Weapons", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

44.

(a) Every person who shall wear or carry any pistol, dirk-knife, bowie knife, *switch-blade knife*, ~~slung~~ SLING shot, sand club, metal knuckles, razor, or any other dangerous or deadly weapon of any kind whatsoever (pen knives WITHOUT SWITCH BLADE excepted) concealed upon or about his person, and every person who shall wear or carry any such weapon openly with the intent or purpose of injuring any person in any unlawful manner, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than One Thousand Dollars, or be imprisoned in jail, or the Maryland House of Correction, for not more than two years; and in cases of conviction, if it shall appear from the evidence that such weapon was carried, concealed as aforesaid or openly, with the deliberate purpose of injuring the person or destroying the life of another, the court, or justice of the peace, presiding in the case, shall impose the highest sentence of imprisonment hereinbefore prescribed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1957.

Approved March 11, 1957.

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## CHAPTER 169

(House Bill 109)

AN ACT to add new Section 806½ to Article 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Washington County", sub-title "Trespass", to follow immediately after Section 806 thereof, providing that it shall be a misdemeanor to discharge ~~any firearm within 100 yards of any building used or occupied by human beings without permission therefor, and providing a penalty for violation hereof.~~ ANY FIREARM IN WASHINGTON COUNTY WITHIN SUCH PROXIMITY TO CERTAIN BUILDINGS AND ANIMALS AS THEREBY TO ENDANGER THE PERSON OR PROPERTY OF ANOTHER, AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR SUCH OFFENSE.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new Section 806½ be and it is hereby added to Article 22 of

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EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*  
 [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.  
 CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.