

404A. *It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation or the agent of either, whether a licensed dealer or not, to sell, barter, DISPLAY or offer to sell or barter, any knife having a blade which opens automatically by hand pressure applied to a button, spring or other device in the handle thereof, commonly called "switchblade" knives, or any switchblade penknife operating in a similar manner. Any person or any agent, violating this section, shall, on conviction thereof, be fined not less than Fifty nor more than ~~Two~~ FIVE Hundred Dollars AND/OR IMPRISONED FOR NOT MORE THAN 12 MONTHS.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall not be construed to extend or apply to any offenses committed prior to the effective date hereof.*

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1957.*

Approved April 10, 1957.

CHAPTER 535

(House Bill 171)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 8 (35) (a) of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition and 1955 Supplement), title "Revenue and Taxes", sub-title "What Shall be Taxed and Where", including in the tax exemption for veterans those who have acquired specially adapted housing under the requirements of the Veterans' Administration.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 8 (35) (a) of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition and 1955 Supplement), title "Revenue and Taxes", sub-title "What Shall be Taxed and Where", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

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(35) Dwelling houses of certain disabled veterans and blind persons.

(a) Grant of Exemptions. The dwelling house and the lot or curtilage whereon the same is erected, of any citizen and resident of this State now, or hereafter honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances from active service, in time of war, in any branch of the armed forces, who has been or shall be declared by the United States Veterans Administration or its successors to have a service-connected disability from total blindness, or from paraplegia or permanent paralysis of both legs and lower parts of the body resulting from traumatic injury to the spinal cord or brain, or from

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.