Section 27B 26(f) <u>b</u> and 31A Annotated Code of Maryland (1978 Replacement Volume and 1979 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 38A - Fires and Investigations Section 26(a), 27A, 28, 31, 32, and 33 Annotated Code of Maryland (1978 Replacement Volume and 1979 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 38A - Fires and Investigations

26.

As used in this subtitle.

- (a) "Explosives" means gunpowder, powders for blasting, high "explosives" blasting materials, fuses (other than electric circuit breakers), detonators, and other detonating agents, smokeless powder and any chemical compound or any mechanical mixture containing any oxidizing and combustite units or other ingledients in such proportions, quantities or packing that ignition by fire, friction, concussion, percussion or detonation of any part thereof may and is intended to cause an explosion, including bombs and destructive devices designed to operate by chemical, mechanical or explosive action but shall not include fixed ammunition for small arms, [fireworks or matches] SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION PRIMERS, SMALL ARMS PERCUSSION CAPS, SAFETY AND PYROTECHNIC FUSES, QUILLS, QUICK AND SLOW MATCHES, FRICTION PRIMERS, FIREWORKS OR COMMON MATCHES when used in their original configuration
- (F) "EXPLOSIVES FOR USE IN FIREARMS" MEANS SMOKELESS POWDER FOR LOADING OR RELOADING SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION, OR BLACK POWDER FOR LOADING OR RELOADING SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION, ANTIQUE ARMS, OR REPLICAS OF ANTIQUE ARMS.

27A.

No person shall possess any explosives other than [smokeless powder and explosives necessary for the manufacture of ammunition for small arms] EXPLOSIVES FOR USE IN FIREARMS unless he has obtained a license to manufacture, deal in or possess such explosives pursuant to the provisions of § 28 of this subtitle.

27B.