

AN ACT concerning

Firearms - Demonstrations in Public Places

FOR the purpose of providing that certain persons may not have a firearm in their possession or on their person at a demonstration, or in a vehicle at a certain proximity to a demonstration in a public place, under certain circumstances; providing a penalty for violations of this Act; and defining certain terms.

BY adding to

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 36G
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

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

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

36G.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) (I) "DEMONSTRATION" MEANS DEMONSTRATING, PICKETING, SPEECHMAKING OR MARCHING, HOLDING OF VIGILS AND ALL OTHER LIKE FORMS OF CONDUCT WHICH INVOLVE THE COMMUNICATION OR EXPRESSION OF VIEWS OR GRIEVANCES ENGAGED IN BY ONE OR MORE PERSONS, THE CONDUCT OF WHICH HAS THE EFFECT, INTENT OR PROPENSITY TO DRAW A CROWD OR ONLOOKERS.

(II) "DEMONSTRATION" DOES NOT INCLUDE THE CASUAL USE OF PROPERTY BY VISITORS OR TOURISTS WHICH DOES NOT HAVE AN INTENT OR PROPENSITY TO ATTRACT A CROWD OR ONLOOKERS.

(3) (I) "FIREARM" MEANS A PISTOL OR REVOLVER, RIFLE, SHOTGUN, SHORT-BARRELED RIFLE, SHORT-BARRELED SHOTGUN, OR ANY OTHER FIREARM, WHETHER LOADED OR UNLOADED.

(II) "FIREARM" DOES NOT INCLUDE ANTIQUE FIREARMS, AS DEFINED IN § 36F OF THIS ARTICLE.

(4) "LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER" MEANS:

(I) A DULY APPOINTED MEMBER OF A POLICE FORCE OR OTHER AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES, THE STATE, A COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY, OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, WHO IS