

CHAPTER 567

(House Bill 663)

AN ACT concerning

Crimes – Robbery by Display of Written Instrument Claiming Possession of Dangerous Weapon – Penalty

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from committing or attempting to commit a robbery by displaying a written instrument claiming that the person has possession of a dangerous weapon; establishing a certain penalty for violation of this Act; and generally relating to robbery by display of a written instrument claiming possession of a dangerous weapon.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Criminal Law

Section 3–402

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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Section 3–403

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Criminal Law

3–402.

(a) A person may not commit or attempt to commit robbery.

(b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 15 years.

3–403.

(a) A person may not commit or attempt to commit robbery under § 3–402 of this subtitle:

(1) with a dangerous weapon; OR

(2) BY DISPLAYING A WRITTEN INSTRUMENT CLAIMING THAT THE PERSON HAS POSSESSION OF A DANGEROUS WEAPON.

(b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 20 years.