

Harry Hughes  
Governor

House Bill No. 315

AN ACT concerning

Preemption - Weapons and Ammunition

FOR the purpose of declaring the intent of the State of Maryland to preempt the field of regulation of certain enumerated weapons and ammunition and certain activities involving the enumerated weapons and ammunition; providing for the repeal of certain inconsistent laws; and generally providing for the preemption of weapons, ammunition, and certain activities relating thereto.

BY adding to

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
Section 756  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1982 Replacement Volume and 1983 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland finds and declares that the reservation of the regulation of all forms of weaponry and ammunition is necessary to preserve the peace, safety, and health of the State; now, therefore,

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

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

756.

THE STATE OF MARYLAND HEREBY PREEMPTS THE RIGHTS OF ANY COUNTY, MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, OR SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT WHETHER BY LAW, ORDINANCES, OR REGULATION TO REGULATE THE PURCHASE, SALE, TAXATION, TRANSFER, MANUFACTURE, REPAIR, OWNERSHIP, POSSESSION, AND TRANSPORTATION OF THE FOLLOWING:

- (1) ART. 27, § 36F(A) (HANDGUN);
- (2) ART. 27, § 36F(A)(1) (ANTIQUÉ FIREARM);
- (3) ART. 27, § 36F(A)(2) (RIFLE);