

BY adding to

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 36H
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1982 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, The General Assembly finds and declares that the reservation of the regulation of some 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

36H.

(A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTIONS (B), (C), AND (D) OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE OF MARYLAND HEREBY PREEMPTS THE RIGHTS OF ANY COUNTY, MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, OR SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT WHETHER BY LAW, ORDINANCE, OR REGULATION TO REGULATE THE PURCHASE, SALE, TAXATION, TRANSFER, MANUFACTURE, REPAIR, OWNERSHIP, POSSESSION, AND TRANSPORTATION OF THE FOLLOWING:

- (1) HANDGUN, AS DEFINED IN ART. 27, § 36F(A);
- (2) RIFLE, AS DEFINED IN ART. 27, § 36F(A)(2);
- (3) SHOTGUN, AS DEFINED IN ART. 27, § 36F(A)(5); AND
- (4) AMMUNITION AND COMPONENTS FOR THE ABOVE ENUMERATED ITEMS.

(B) ANY COUNTY, MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, OR SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT MAY REGULATE THE PURCHASE, SALE, TRANSFER, OWNERSHIP, POSSESSION, AND TRANSPORTATION OF THE WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION LISTED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION:

- (1) WITH RESPECT TO MINORS;
- (2) WITH RESPECT TO THESE ACTIVITIES ON OR ~~IN~~ IN-CLOSE PROXIMITY-TO WITHIN 100 YARDS OF PARKS, CHURCHES, SCHOOLS, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, AND OTHER PLACES OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY; HOWEVER, THE TEACHING OF FIREARMS SAFETY TRAINING OR OTHER EDUCATIONAL OR SPORTING USE MAY NOT BE PROHIBITED; AND
- (3) WITH RESPECT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT ~~AND-SECURITY~~ PERSONNEL OF THE SUBDIVISION.