

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, ORDINANCES, 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 CLOSE PROXIMITY TO~~ IN OR 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.

(C) TO THE EXTENT THAT LOCAL LAWS OR REGULATIONS DO NOT CREATE AN INCONSISTENCY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION OR EXPAND EXISTING REGULATORY CONTROL, ANY COUNTY, MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, OR SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT MAY EXERCISE ITS EXISTING AUTHORITY TO AMEND ANY LOCAL LAWS OR REGULATIONS THAT EXIST BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1985.

(D) IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW, ANY COUNTY, MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, OR SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT MAY CONTINUE TO REGULATE THE DISCHARGE OF HANDGUNS, RIFLES, AND SHOTGUNS, BUT MAY NOT PROHIBIT THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS AT ESTABLISHED RANGES.

~~(E) A COUNTY, MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, OR SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT MAY NOT PROHIBIT THE TEACHING OF FIREARMS SAFETY.~~