

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
 Section 36 and 339  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1982 Replacement Volume and 1985 Supplement)

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

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

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{a}--Every person who shall wear or carry any dirk, knife, bowie knife, switchblade knife, star knife, SHOOTING KNIFE, sandclub, metal knuckles, razor, nunchaku, or any other dangerous or deadly weapon of any kind, whatsoever (penknives without switchblade and handguns, excepted) concealed upon or about his person, and every person who shall wear or carry any such weapon, chemical mace or tear gas device openly with the intent or purpose of injuring any person in any unlawful manner, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or be imprisoned in jail, or sentenced to the Maryland Department of Correction for not more than three years, and in case of conviction, if it shall appear from the evidence that such weapon was carried, concealed or openly, with the deliberate purpose of injuring the person or destroying the life of another, the court shall impose the highest sentence of imprisonment prescribed. In Cecil, Anne Arundel, Talbot, Harford, Caroline, Prince George's, Montgomery, St. Mary's, Washington, Worcester, Kent, and Baltimore counties it shall also be unlawful and a misdemeanor, punishable as above set forth, for any person under eighteen years of age to carry any dangerous or deadly weapon other than a handgun, between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise, whether concealed or not, except while on a bona fide hunting trip, or except while engaged in or on the way to or returning from a bona fide trap shoot, sport shooting event, or any organized civic or military activity.

{b}--As used in this section, a "star knife" is a device used as a throwing weapon, consisting of several sharp or pointed blades arrayed as radially disposed arms about a central disk.

{c}--AS USED IN THIS SECTION, A "SHOOTING KNIFE", ALSO KNOWN AS A "PISTOL BALLISTIC KNIFE", IS A DEVICE DESIGNED TO PROPEL A KNIFE FROM A METAL SHEATH BY MEANS OF A HIGH COMPRESSION EJECTOR SPRING.

{(c)}-{D}--As used in this section, a "nunchaku" is a device consisting of two pieces of wood, metal, plastic, or other like substance connected by any chain, rope, leather or other flexible material not exceeding 24 inches in length.