

circumstances or has been confined to a certain facility under certain circumstances from possessing a pistol, revolver, rifle, or shotgun; providing an exception to this Act; providing for certain penalties; and making stylistic changes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
Section 445(c)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1987 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
Section 481D  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1987 Replacement Volume)

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

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

445.

(c) [It shall be unlawful for any person who has been convicted of a crime of violence, or of any of the provisions of this subtitle or who is a fugitive from justice or a habitual drunkard, or addicted to or an habitual user of narcotics, barbiturates or amphetamines, to possess a pistol or revolver.] A PERSON MAY NOT POSSESS A PISTOL OR REVOLVER IF THE PERSON:

(1) HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME OF VIOLENCE, OR OF ANY PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE; OR

(2) IS:

(I) A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE;

(II) A HABITUAL DRUNKARD;

(III) A HABITUAL ~~USER~~ ABUSER OF NARCOTICS, BARBITURATES, OR AMPHETAMINES; OR

(IV) ~~MENTALLY--ILL~~ SUFFERING FROM A MENTAL DISORDER AS DEFINED IN § 10-101(F)(2) OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE AND HAS A HISTORY OF VIOLENT BEHAVIOR AGAINST ANOTHER PERSON OR SELF, OR HAS BEEN CONFINED FOR MORE THAN 30 CONSECUTIVE DAYS TO A FACILITY AS DEFINED IN § 10-101 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL