

(1996 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,Article 27 – Crimes and PunishmentsSection 281A(a)(2)Annotated Code of Maryland(1996 Replacement Volume and 2000 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

27A.

(a) ~~(1)~~ In this ~~section~~ SUBHEADING the following words have the meanings indicated.

~~(2)~~ (B) “Ammunition” means any cartridge, shell, or other device containing explosive or incendiary material designed and intended for use in a firearm.

~~(3)~~ (C) “Bulletproof body armor” means any material or object that is designed to cover or be worn on any part of the body to prevent, deflect, or slow down the penetration of ammunition.

~~(4)~~ (D) “Crime of violence” has the meaning stated in § 643B(a) of this article.

(E) “DRUG TRAFFICKING CRIME” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 281A OF THIS ARTICLE.

~~(5)~~ (F) “Firearm” includes:

(i) A handgun, antique firearm, rifle, shotgun, short-barreled shotgun, or short-barreled rifle, as defined in § 36F of this article;

(ii) A machine gun, as defined in § 372 of this article;

(iii) A regulated firearm as defined in § 441 of this article; and

(iv) An assault pistol, as defined in § 36H-1 of this article.

~~(6)~~ (G) “SECRETARY” MEANS THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE, POLICE OR THE SECRETARY’S DESIGNEE.

~~(B) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, ANY PERSON WHO PURCHASES, OWNS, OR POSSESSES BULLETPROOF BODY ARMOR IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND UPON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$5,000 OR IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 5 YEARS OR BOTH.~~

~~(C) THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO:~~