

(D) A PERSON MAY NOT KNOWINGLY POSSESS A TOOL OR DEVICE DESIGNED TO ALLOW ~~OR CAPABLE OF ALLOWING~~ THE DEACTIVATION OR REMOVAL FROM ANY MERCHANDISE ANY ELECTRONIC SECURITY SYSTEM OR DEVICE USED AS PART OF AN ELECTRONIC SECURITY SYSTEM WITH THE INTENT TO:

(1) USE THE TOOL OR DEVICE TO DEACTIVATE ANY ELECTRONIC SECURITY SYSTEM; OR

(2) REMOVE ANY ELECTRONIC SECURITY SYSTEM OR DEVICE USED AS PART OF AN ELECTRONIC SECURITY SYSTEM FROM ANY MERCHANDISE WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE MERCHANT OR PERSON OWNING OR LAWFULLY HOLDING THE MERCHANDISE.

[(c)] (E) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or a term of imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or both.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2001.

Approved May 15, 2001.

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## CHAPTER 481

### (House Bill 495)

AN ACT concerning

#### **Voter Restoration Act of 2001**

#### **Task Force to Study Repealing the Disenfranchisement of Convicted Felons in Maryland**

FOR the purpose of ~~altering the qualifications for voter registration to allow certain felons who have been convicted of certain crimes more than once but who have completed the sentence imposed, including any probation, who otherwise are qualified to be registered voters, and if a certain period of time has elapsed, to register to vote, provided a certain additional period beyond the completion of the sentence imposed has elapsed; prohibiting certain felons who are convicted of certain crimes of violence from being deemed qualified to be registered voters~~ an individual who has been convicted of a certain crime to qualify to be a registered voter if the individual has completed the sentence imposed for the conviction, including probation; and generally relating to the rights of certain felons qualifications of individuals to register to vote in the State *establishing a Task Force to Study Repealing the Disenfranchisement of Convicted Felons; specifying the composition, powers, and duties of the Task Force; providing for the staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by a certain date; and generally relating to a Task Force to Study Repealing the Disenfranchisement of Convicted Felons in Maryland.*