

section being guilty "of a misdemeanor" is added to state expressly that which was only implied in the former law. In this State, any crime that was not a felony at common law and has not been declared a felony by statute is considered to be a misdemeanor. *See State v. Canova*, 278 Md. 483, 490 (1976); *Bowser v. State*, 136 Md. 342, 345 (1920); *Dutton v. State*, 123 Md. 373, 378 (1914); and *Williams v. State*, 4 Md. App. 342, 347 (1968).

Defined term: "Person" § 1-101

TITLE 4. WEAPON CRIMES.

SUBTITLE 1. IN GENERAL.

4-101. DANGEROUS WEAPONS.

(A) DEFINITIONS.

(1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "NUNCHAKU" MEANS A DEVICE CONSTRUCTED OF TWO PIECES OF ANY SUBSTANCE, INCLUDING WOOD, METAL, OR PLASTIC, CONNECTED BY ANY CHAIN, ROPE, LEATHER, OR OTHER FLEXIBLE MATERIAL NOT EXCEEDING 24 INCHES IN LENGTH.

(3) (I) "PEPPER MACE" MEANS AN AEROSOL PROPELLED COMBINATION OF HIGHLY DISABLING IRRITANT PEPPER-BASED PRODUCTS.

(II) "PEPPER MACE" IS ALSO KNOWN AS OLEORESIN CAPSICUM (O.C.) SPRAY.

(4) "STAR KNIFE" MEANS A DEVICE USED AS A THROWING WEAPON, CONSISTING OF SEVERAL SHARP OR POINTED BLADES ARRAYED AS RADIALLY DISPOSED ARMS ABOUT A CENTRAL DISK.

(5) (I) "WEAPON" INCLUDES A DIRK KNIFE, BOWIE KNIFE, SWITCHBLADE KNIFE, STAR KNIFE, SANDCLUB, METAL KNUCKLES, RAZOR, AND NUNCHAKU.

(II) "WEAPON" DOES NOT INCLUDE:

1. A HANDGUN; OR
2. A PENKNIFE WITHOUT A SWITCHBLADE.

(B) EXCEPTIONS FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.

THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS FROM CARRYING A WEAPON:

(1) AN OFFICER OF THE STATE, OR OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE, WHO IS ENTITLED OR REQUIRED TO CARRY THE WEAPON AS PART OF THE OFFICER'S OFFICIAL EQUIPMENT, OR BY ANY