

former conjunction "and" to clarify that "short-barreled shotgun" means either the shotgun described in item (1) of this subsection or the weapon described in item (2) of this subsection, but not necessarily both.

(H) SHOTGUN.

"SHOTGUN" MEANS A WEAPON THAT IS:

(1) DESIGNED OR REDESIGNED, MADE OR REMADE, AND INTENDED TO BE FIRED FROM THE SHOULDER; AND

(2) DESIGNED OR REDESIGNED AND MADE OR REMADE TO USE THE ENERGY OF THE EXPLOSIVE IN A FIXED SHOTGUN SHELL TO FIRE THROUGH A SMOOTH BORE ONE OR MORE PROJECTILES FOR EACH PULL OF THE TRIGGER.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 27, § 36F(g).

In item (2) of this subsection, the reference to "one or more projectiles" is substituted for the former reference to "either a number of ball shot or a single projectile" for clarity.

(I) VEHICLE.

"VEHICLE" MEANS A MOTOR VEHICLE AS DEFINED IN TITLE 11, SUBTITLE 1 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE, A TRAIN, AN AIRCRAFT, OR A VESSEL.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 27, § 36F(k).

The reference to "Subtitle 1" of Title 11 of the Transportation Article is added for clarity since Subtitle 1 contains the definitions for that title.

The references to "a train", "an aircraft", and "a vessel" are substituted for the former references to "trains", "aircraft", and "vessels" in light of Art. 1, § 8, which provides that the singular includes the plural.

The conjunction "or" is substituted for the former conjunction "and" for clarity.

4-202. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT:

(1) THE NUMBER OF VIOLENT CRIMES COMMITTED IN THE STATE HAS INCREASED ALARMINGLY IN RECENT YEARS;

(2) A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF VIOLENT CRIMES COMMITTED IN THE STATE INVOLVES THE USE OF HANDGUNS;

(3) THE RESULT IS A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF DEATHS AND INJURIES LARGELY TRACEABLE TO THE CARRYING OF HANDGUNS IN PUBLIC PLACES BY CRIMINALS;