

of this section, or of unlawfully carrying a concealed weapon in violation of § 36 of this article, or of unlawfully carrying a deadly weapon on public school property in violation of § 36A of this article, he shall be fined not less than two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) dollars, nor more than twenty-five hundred (\$2,500.00) dollars, or be imprisoned in jail or sentenced to the Maryland Division of Correction for a term of not less than 30 days nor more than three years, or both; provided, however, that if it shall appear from the evidence that the handgun was worn, carried, or transported on any public school property in this State, the court shall impose a sentence of imprisonment of not less than 90 days.

(c) (1) Nothing in this section shall prevent the wearing, carrying, or transporting of a handgun by: (i) law-enforcement personnel of the United States, or of this State, or of any county or city of this State; (ii) members of the armed forces of the United States or of the National Guard while on duty or traveling to or from duty; (iii) law-enforcement personnel of some other state or subdivision thereof temporarily in this State on official business; (iv) any jailer, prison guard, warden, or guard or keeper at any penal, correctional or detention institution in this State; or (v) sheriffs and temporary or full-time sheriffs' deputies, as to all of whom this exception shall apply only when they are on active assignment engaged in law enforcement; provided, that any such person mentioned in this paragraph is duly authorized at the time and under the circumstances he is wearing, carrying, or transporting the weapon to wear, carry, or transport such weapon as part of his official equipment.

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(a) As used in this subheading, the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Handgun" means any pistol, revolver, or other firearm capable of being concealed on the person, including a short-barreled shotgun and a short-barreled rifle as these terms are defined below, except it does not include a shotgun, rifle or antique firearm as those terms are defined below.

(i) "Law enforcement personnel" means:

(1) Any full-time member of a police force or other agency of the United States, a state, a county, a municipality or other political subdivision who is responsible for the prevention and detection of crime and the enforcement of the laws of the United States, a state, or of a county or municipality or other political subdivision of a state; [and]

(2) Any part-time member of a police force of a county or municipality who is certified by the county or municipality as being trained and qualified in the use of handguns; AND

(3) ANY FIRE INVESTIGATOR OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT WHO:

(1) IS CERTIFIED BY PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY AS BEING TRAINED AND QUALIFIED IN THE USE OF HANDGUNS; AND