

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 441, 445 and 448 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Pistols," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and that Sections 442 and 443 of the aforesaid Article be and they are hereby repealed, and that new Sections 442 and 443 be and they are hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the sections so repealed, and to read as follows:

441.

Definitions.

As used in this subtitle—

(1) The term "*person*" includes an individual, partnership, association or corporation.

(2) The term "*pistol or revolver*" [as used in this subtitle] means any firearm with barrel less than twelve inches in length[-], including signal, starter, and blank pistols; **EXCLUDING ANTIQUE GUNS.**

(3) The term "*dealer*" means any person engaged in the business of selling firearms at wholesale or retail, or any person engaged in the business of repairing such firearms.

(4) The term "*crime of violence*" means murder, manslaughter, **EXCEPT INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER, STOREHOUSE BURGLARY, rape, mayhem, kidnapping, burglary, either common law or statutory, housebreaking [-]; abduction, arson, escape, robbery, sodomy; or an attempt to commit any of the aforesaid offenses; or assault with intent to [kill, commit rape, or rob; assault with a dangerous weapon,] commit any of the aforesaid offenses, or assault with intent to commit any other offense punishable by imprisonment for more than one year.**

(5) The term "*fugitive from justice*" means any person who has fled from a sheriff or other peace officer within this State, or who has fled from any state, territory or the District of Columbia, or possession of the United States, to avoid prosecution for a crime of violence or to avoid giving testimony in any criminal proceeding.

(6) The terms "*sell,*" "*seller,*" "*purchaser,*" and the like, shall include transfers for valuable consideration.

(7) The terms "*transfer,*" "*transferor,*" "*transferee,*" and the like, shall include all transfers not included in subsection 6 above, excepting loans or bailments made, in good faith, for purposes of target shooting, hunting, or the like, or for the purpose of transporting a pistol or revolver to and or from a pistol or revolver repair shop.

§2. Application for Purchase or Transfer.

(1) **ALL RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY THE LAWS, ORDINANCES OR REGULATIONS OF ALL SUBORDINATE JURISDICTION, AND THE STATE OF MARYLAND HEREBY PRE-EMPTED BY THIS SECTION, AND THE STATE OF MARYLAND HEREBY PRE-EMPTS THE RIGHTS OF SUCH JURISDICTIONS TO REGULATE THE SALE OF PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS.**