

10 **AN ACT CONCERNING:**
20 Public Safety – Taser Guns

30 FOR the purpose of protecting Marylanders from the danger posed by the use of
40 Tasers.

50 BY adding to
60 Article - Public Safety
70 Title 14
80 Annotated Code of Maryland

90 Section 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
100 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

110 **Article--Public Safety:**
120 **§ 15-101 TASER GUNS**

- 130 (a) DEFINITIONS –
140 (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE
150 MEANINGS INDICATED.
160 (2) “TASER GUN” MEANS AN ELECTROSHOCK WEAPON
170 THAT USES ELECTRICAL CURRENT TO DISRUPT
180 VOLUNTARY CONTROL OF MUSCLES THROUGH
190 “NEUROMUSCULAR INCAPACITATION.
- 200 (b) PROHIBITIONS –
210 (1) IT IS ILLEGAL FOR ANYONE IN THE STATE OF
220 MARYLAND TO POSSESS A TASER GUN FOR ANY
230 REASON.
- 240 (c) EXCEPTIONS –
250 (1) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT THE FOLLOWING
260 INDIVIDUALS FROM CARRYING A TASER:
270 (A) AN OFFICER OF THE STATE, OR OF ANY
280 COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF
290 THE STATE, WHO IS ENTITLED OR
300 REQUIRED TO CARRY THE WEAPON AS
310 PART OF THE OFFICER’S OFFICIAL
320 EQUIPMENT.
- 330 (d) PENALTIES:
340 (1) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY
350 OF A FELONY AND ON CONVICTION IS
360 SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 5
370 YEARS OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 OR
390 BOTH.

400 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this act shall take

410 effect October 1, 2010.

420 **MANDATES:** Martin O'Malley, Governor of Maryland
430 Anthony G. Brown, Lieutenant Governor of Maryland
440 Thomas v. "Mike" Miller, Jr., President of the Maryland Senate
450 Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates
460 Delegate Joseph Vallario, Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee
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