Chapter 277

(House Bill 209)

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Possession of Firearms – Crimes Committed in Other States

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from possessing a regulated firearm, rifle, or shotgun if the person was previously convicted of an offense under the laws of another state or the United States that would constitute a certain crime if committed in this State; and generally relating to restrictions on possession of a regulated firearm, rifle, or shotgun.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Public Safety Section 5–133(c)(1) and 5–206(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (2011 Replacement Volume)

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

Article – Public Safety

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(c) (1) A person may not possess a regulated firearm if the person was previously convicted of:

(i) a crime of violence; [or]

(ii) a violation of § 5–602, § 5–603, § 5–604, § 5–605, § 5–612, § 5–613, or § 5–614 of the Criminal Law Article; **OR**

(III) AN OFFENSE UNDER THE LAWS OF ANOTHER STATE OR THE UNITED STATES THAT WOULD CONSTITUTE ONE OF THE CRIMES LISTED IN ITEM (I) OR (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH IF COMMITTED IN THIS STATE.

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(a) A person may not possess a rifle or shotgun if the person was previously convicted of:

(1) a crime of violence; [or]

(2) a violation of § 5–602, § 5–603, § 5–604, § 5–605, § 5–612, § 5–613, or § 5–614 of the Criminal Law Article; **OR**

(3) AN OFFENSE UNDER THE LAWS OF ANOTHER STATE OR THE UNITED STATES THAT WOULD CONSTITUTE ONE OF THE CRIMES LISTED IN ITEM (1) OR (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION IF COMMITTED IN THIS STATE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2012.

Approved by the Governor, May 2, 2012.