

# SENATE BILL 815

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By: **Senator Astle**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Robbery – Oral Claim of Possession of a Dangerous Weapon**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from committing or attempting to commit a  
4 robbery by making an oral claim that the person has possession of a dangerous  
5 weapon; establishing a certain penalty for a violation of this Act; and generally  
6 relating to the crime of robbery.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Criminal Law  
9 Section 3–403  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2002 Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Criminal Law**

15 3–403.

16 (a) A person may not commit or attempt to commit robbery under § 3–402 of  
17 this subtitle:

18 (1) with a dangerous weapon; [or]

19 (2) by displaying a written instrument claiming that the person has  
20 possession of a dangerous weapon; **OR**

21 **(3) BY MAKING AN ORAL CLAIM THAT THE PERSON HAS**  
22 **POSSESSION OF A DANGEROUS WEAPON.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (b)     A person who violates this section is guilty of a felony and on conviction is  
2 subject to imprisonment not exceeding 20 years.

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