

# HOUSE BILL 669

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By: **Delegate Attar**

Introduced and read first time: January 26, 2021

Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Crimes – Firearms – Straw Purchase Participant Penalty**

3 FOR the purpose of altering from a misdemeanor to a felony the crime of knowingly being  
4 a participant in a straw purchase of a regulated firearm under certain circumstances;  
5 and generally relating to firearms.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article – Public Safety  
8 Section 5–141  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Public Safety**

14 5–141.

15 (a) A dealer or other person may not be a knowing participant in a straw purchase  
16 of a regulated firearm to a minor or to a person prohibited by law from possessing a  
17 regulated firearm.

18 (b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a [misdemeanor] **FELONY** and  
19 on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 10 years or a fine not exceeding  
20 \$25,000 or both.

21 (c) Each violation of this section is a separate crime.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2   October 1, 2021.