

MD Code, Public Safety, § 5-144



Formerly cited as MD CODE Art. 27, § 449

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Public Safety ([Refs & Annos](#))

▢ [Title 5](#). Firearms

▢ [Subtitle 1](#). Regulated Firearms ([Refs & Annos](#))

→ **§ 5-144. Knowing participation in violation of subtitle**

Prohibited

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, a dealer or other person may not:

(1) knowingly participate in the illegal sale, rental, transfer, purchase, possession, or receipt of a regulated firearm in violation of this subtitle; or

(2) knowingly violate [§ 5-142](#) of this subtitle.

Penalty

(b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 5 years or a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or both.

Separate crime

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

CREDIT(S)

Added as [Public Safety § 5-143](#) by [Acts 2003, c. 5, § 2, eff. Oct. 1, 2003](#). Amended by [Acts 2011, c. 164, § 1, eff. Oct. 1, 2011](#); [Acts 2011, c. 165, § 1, eff. Oct. 1, 2011](#); [Acts 2011, c. 343, § 1, eff. Oct. 1, 2011](#). Renumbered as [Public Safety § 5-144](#) by [Acts 2013, c. 427, § 1, eff. Oct. 1, 2013](#).

LEGISLATIVE NOTES

Revisor's Note ([Acts 2003, c. 5](#)):

This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 27, § 449(f).

In subsection (a) of this section, the reference to this "subtitle" is substituted for the former reference to this "section" even though this subtitle is derived, in part, from provisions outside of former Art. 27, § 449. Because the provisions revised in this subtitle do not affect the application of this subtitle in a way contrary to the provisions set forth here, no substantive change results.

Defined terms: "Dealer" [§ 5-101](#)

"Person" [§ 1-101](#)

"Regulated firearm" [§ 5-101](#)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

2011 Legislation

Acts 2011, c. 164, § 1, and Acts 2011, c. 165, § 1, repealed and reenacted the section without amendment.

Acts 2011, c. 343, § 1, rewrote subsec. (a), which previously had read:

"(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, a dealer or other person may not knowingly participate in the illegal sale, rental, transfer, purchase, possession, or receipt of a regulated firearm in violation of this subtitle."

**Derivation:**

Former Art. 27, § 449, related to penalties, repealed by Acts 2003, c. 5, § 1, eff. Oct. 1, 2003.

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