

SENATE BILL 443

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By: **Senator Smith**

Introduced and read first time: January 21, 2025

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Trafficking Regulated Firearms – Felony Classification**

3 FOR the purpose of reclassifying the prohibition against transporting a regulated firearm
4 into the State for the purpose of unlawfully selling or trafficking the firearm as a
5 felony; and generally relating to trafficking regulated firearms.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Public Safety
8 Section 5–140
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 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 5–140.

15 (a) A dealer or other person may not transport a regulated firearm into the State
16 for the purpose of unlawfully selling or trafficking of the regulated firearm.

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

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

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2025.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

