

# HOUSE BILL 916

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By: **Delegate Amprey**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Weapon Crimes – Transporting Firearm in Checked Bag on**  
3 **Public Transportation**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from transporting a firearm in a certain checked  
5 bag on public transportation in the State unless the firearm is disabled from  
6 discharging by a certain external safety lock; and generally relating to firearm  
7 crimes.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Criminal Law

10 Section 4–112

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Criminal Law**

16 **4–112.**

17 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**  
18 **INDICATED.**

19 **(2) “CHECKED BAG” MEANS BAGGAGE THAT IS STORED IN A STORAGE**  
20 **COMPARTMENT OF A PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE AND INACCESSIBLE TO A**  
21 **PERSON DURING TRAVEL.**

22 **(3) “EXTERNAL SAFETY LOCK” MEANS AN EXTERNAL DEVICE THAT IS:**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (I) ATTACHED TO A FIREARM WITH A KEY OR COMBINATION  
2 LOCK; AND

3 (II) DESIGNED TO PREVENT A FIREARM FROM BEING  
4 DISCHARGED UNLESS THE DEVICE HAS BEEN DEACTIVATED.

5 (4) "FIREARM" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 4-104 OF THIS  
6 SUBTITLE.

7 (5) "PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION" INCLUDES ANY FORM OF PUBLIC  
8 TRANSPORT THAT IS AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, INCLUDING:

9 (I) BUS SERVICE;

10 (II) TRAIN SERVICE;

11 (III) FERRY SERVICE; AND

12 (IV) AIRLINE SERVICE.

13 (B) (1) THIS SUBSECTION IS AN ADDITION TO ANY EXISTING FEDERAL OR  
14 STATE LAWS RELATING TO TRANSPORTING A FIREARM.

15 (2) A PERSON MAY NOT TRANSPORT A FIREARM IN A CHECKED BAG  
16 ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN THE STATE UNLESS THE FIREARM IS DISABLED  
17 FROM DISCHARGING BY AN EXTERNAL SAFETY LOCK.

18 (C) (1) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A  
19 MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO:

20 (I) FOR A FIRST CONVICTION, IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING  
21 2 MONTHS OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$500 OR BOTH;

22 (II) FOR A SECOND CONVICTION, IMPRISONMENT NOT  
23 EXCEEDING 6 MONTHS OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR BOTH; AND

24 (III) FOR A THIRD OR SUBSEQUENT CONVICTION,  
25 IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 1 YEAR OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$2,000 OR  
26 BOTH.

27 (2) EACH VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS A SEPARATE CRIME.

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