A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Surplus Military Equipment – Prohibition on Purchase by Law Enforcement Agencies

FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain law enforcement agencies from receiving certain equipment from a federal military surplus program; defining certain terms; and generally relating to law enforcement agencies and the acquisition of equipment from a federal military surplus program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Safety
Section 3–521
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

Article – Public Safety

3–521.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “DESTRUCTIVE DEVICE” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 4–501 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE.

(3) “FIREARM SILENCER” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 5–621 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE.

[(2)] (4) “Law enforcement agency” has the meaning stated in § 3–201 of...
“Surplus program” means a program operated by the federal government for the transfer of surplus military equipment to a law enforcement agency.

(b) On or before February 1 each year, the Department of State Police shall submit a report on the acquisition of equipment by law enforcement agencies through surplus programs within the preceding calendar year to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

(c) The Department of State Police shall include in a prominent location on its public website a link to the Defense Logistics Agency’s report listing excess Department of Defense property transfers to law enforcement agencies through the Law Enforcement Support Office.

(D) A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY MAY NOT RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT FROM A SURPLUS PROGRAM:

1. AN ARMORED OR WEAPONIZED:
   (I) AIRCRAFT;
   (II) DRONE; OR
   (III) VEHICLE;

2. A DESTRUCTIVE DEVICE;

3. A FIREARM SILENCER; OR

4. A GRENADE LAUNCHER.

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