

# HOUSE BILL 94

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By: **Delegate Arora**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Prohibition on Manufacture of Detachable Magazine or**  
3 **Firearm Receiver – 3-Dimensional Printing**

4 FOR the purpose of defining the term “manufacture” in order to prohibit a person from  
5 using any material to create or modify a detachable magazine; prohibiting a  
6 person from using a 3-dimensional printer to manufacture a firearm receiver;  
7 stating certain findings of the General Assembly relating to 3-dimensional  
8 printers; and generally relating to the prohibition against manufacturing  
9 detachable magazines or firearm receivers and 3-dimensional printing.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article – Criminal Law  
12 Section 4–305  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Criminal Law**

18 4–305.

19 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “MANUFACTURE” INCLUDES ANY PROCESS BY**  
20 **WHICH A PERSON USES ANY MATERIAL TO CREATE OR MODIFY A DETACHABLE**  
21 **MAGAZINE OR FIREARM RECEIVER.**

22 **(B) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT:**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(1) THE TECHNOLOGY OF 3-DIMENSIONAL PRINTERS (3-D**  
2 **PRINTERS) IS QUICKLY ADVANCING AND ENABLING THE PRODUCTION OF**  
3 **OPERATIONAL FIREARMS COMPONENTS;**

4           **(2) IN 2013, 3-D PRINTERS PRODUCED FULLY OPERATIONAL,**  
5 **HIGH-CAPACITY DETACHABLE MAGAZINES DESIGNED FOR ASSAULT WEAPONS**  
6 **AS WELL AS ASSAULT WEAPON RECEIVERS, AND THE DESIGN FILES FOR THESE**  
7 **COMPONENTS WERE FREELY AVAILABLE ONLINE; AND**

8           **(3) MANY COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE PRINTERS ARE ABLE TO**  
9 **PRINT MATERIALS THAT ARE UNABLE TO BE DETECTED BY WALK-THROUGH**  
10 **METAL DETECTORS.**

11           **[(a)] (C) (1)** This [section] SUBSECTION does not apply to:

12                   **[(1)] (I)** a .22 caliber rifle with a tubular magazine; or

13                   **[(2)] (II)** a law enforcement officer or a person who retired in good  
14 standing from service with a law enforcement agency of the United States, the State,  
15 or any law enforcement agency in the State.

16           **[(b)] (2)** A person may not manufacture, sell, offer for sale, purchase,  
17 receive, or transfer a detachable magazine that has a capacity of more than 10 rounds  
18 of ammunition for a firearm.

19           **(D) A PERSON MAY NOT USE A 3-D PRINTER TO MANUFACTURE A**  
20 **FIREARM RECEIVER.**

21           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
22 October 1, 2014.