

HB0563/953127/1

BY: Judiciary Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 563
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “**and Cardin**” and substitute “**Cardin, Valentine, Phillips, Stinnett, Simmons, McComas, Moreno, Arian, Mangione, Moon, Conaway, and Woods**”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 17, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Criminal Procedure

Section 10–101(a) and (g)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2025 Replacement Volume)”.”

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, in line 4, strike “**OR**”; in line 7, after “**INDIVIDUAL**” insert “**; OR**

(IV) A HORSE USED IN A SEARCH AND RESCUE EFFORT DIRECTED BY A STATE AGENCY OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE TO LOCATE OR RESCUE A LOST, INJURED, OR DECEASED INDIVIDUAL.

(3) “LAW ENFORCEMENT UNIT” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 10–101 OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ARTICLE”;

in line 8, strike “(3)” and substitute “(4)”; in line 15, strike “(1)”; in the same line, strike “A” and substitute “EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF SELF-DEFENSE, A”; in the same line, after “NOT” insert “:

(1);

in lines 17 and 19, in each instance, strike the period and substitute a semicolon; in lines 18, 20, and 22, in each instance, strike “A PERSON MAY NOT”; in line 20, strike “PARAGRAPH” and substitute “ITEM”; and in line 21, strike the period and substitute “; OR”.

On page 5, after line 6, insert:

“(E) IT IS AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE TO A CHARGE OF VIOLATING THIS SECTION THAT THE DEFENDANT ACTED REASONABLY TO PREVENT PHYSICAL HARM RESULTING FROM A VIOLATION OF THE MARYLAND USE OF FORCE STATUTE UNDER § 3-524 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE.

Article – Criminal Procedure

10-101.

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

(g) “Law enforcement unit” means a State, county, or municipal police department or unit, the office of a sheriff, the office of a State’s Attorney, the Office of the State Prosecutor, or the Office of the Attorney General of the State.”.