



THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

BILL: House Bill 780 - Criminal Law - Crime of Violence - Vulnerable Adult

SPONSOR: Delegate Pippy, *et al.*

HEARING DATE: February 25, 2020

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

CONTACT: Intergovernmental Affairs Office, 301-780-8411

POSITION: SUPPORT

The Office of the Prince George's County Executive **SUPPORTS House Bill 780 - Criminal Law - Crime of Violence - Vulnerable Adult**, which would add abuse or neglect of a vulnerable adult in the first degree to the definitions of "crime of violence" under the Public Safety Article and the Criminal Law Article.

It is our responsibility as citizens of this state to ensure that the most vulnerable among us are protected. Current law does not recognize abusing or neglecting a vulnerable adult as the crime of violence that it clearly is. Passing this legislation will send a message to those who would prey on vulnerable adults that we will not stand for it. It also aligns with efforts by the County to protect our seniors so they can age in peace.

For the reasons stated above, the Office of the Prince George's County Executive **SUPPORTS House Bill 780** and asks for a **FAVORABLE** report.