
By: Senator Trotter

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Zoning - Pawn Shops - Specific Identification**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the use of land and buildings in a zoning district for a
4 pawn shop unless specifically identified as a permitted use; and providing for the
5 application of this Act.

6 BY adding to

7 Article 66B - Zoning and Planning
8 Section 4.01(e)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

12 Article 66B - Zoning and Planning
13 Section 7.03
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

18 **Article 66B - Zoning and Planning**

19 4.01.

20 (E) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "PAWN SHOP" MEANS A COMMERCIAL
21 ESTABLISHMENT FOR THE BUSINESS OF PAWN TRANSACTIONS AS DEFINED IN §
22 12-101 OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE.

23 (2) UNLESS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF A JURISDICTION
24 SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIES A "PAWN SHOP" AS A PERMITTED USE FOR A ZONING
25 DISTRICT OF THE JURISDICTION, LAND AND BUILDINGS IN THE ZONING DISTRICT
26 MAY NOT BE USED FOR A PAWN SHOP.

1 7.03.

2 (a) Except as provided in §§ 3.05(a)(1)(iii), (v), (vi), and (viii), (4), and (b),
3 3.06(b) and (c), 4.01(a)(2) AND (E), 4.09, 5.03(e), 7.01(c), 10.01, 11.01, 12.01, and 13.01 of
4 this article, and subject to subsection (b) of this section, this article does not apply to the
5 chartered counties of Maryland. This section supersedes § 7.02 of this article and any
6 inconsistent provision of Article 28 of the Code.

7 (b) Section 13.01 of this article does not apply to Montgomery County or Prince
8 George's County.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed
10 only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or
11 application to any pawn shop in existence and permitted by a jurisdiction before the
12 effective date of this Act.

13 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 1997.