
By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County - Shopping Centers - Security**
3 **PG 414-06**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the owner, manager, or operator of a shopping center
5 located in Prince George's County to provide certain security during all
6 operating hours of the shopping center in a certain manner; requiring the
7 Commissioner of Labor and Industry to impose a certain civil penalty under
8 certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the
9 security of shopping centers located in Prince George's County.

10 BY adding to

11 Article - Business Regulation
12 Section 19-401 through 19-404, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle
13 4. Shopping Center Security in Prince George's County"
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - Business Regulation**

19 **SUBTITLE 4. SHOPPING CENTER SECURITY IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.**

20 19-401.

21 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
22 INDICATED.

23 (B) "COMMISSIONER" MEANS THE COMMISSIONER OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY.

24 (C) "MOBILE SECURITY" INCLUDES FOOT AND MOTOR VEHICLE PATROLLING.

25 (D) "SHOPPING CENTER" MEANS A GROUPING OF TWO OR MORE COMMERCIAL
26 RETAIL USES THAT:

- 1 (1) ARE DESIGNED AS A COMMERCIAL GROUP IN WHICH THE PRINCIPAL
2 USE IS RETAIL;
- 3 (2) ARE UNDER COMMON OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL;
- 4 (3) SHARE A COMMON PARKING AREA; AND
- 5 (4) EXCEED 100,000 SQUARE FEET.

6 19-402.

7 THIS SUBTITLE APPLIES ONLY TO PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.

8 19-403.

9 THE OWNER, MANAGER, OR OPERATOR OF A SHOPPING CENTER SHALL PROVIDE
10 MOBILE SECURITY DURING ALL OPERATING HOURS OF THE SHOPPING CENTER IN A
11 MANNER THAT PROVIDES CONTINUOUS COVERAGE OF AT LEAST 75% OF THE
12 SQUARE FOOTAGE OF THE PARKING AREAS OWNED, LEASED, OR OPERATED BY THE
13 SHOPPING CENTER.

14 19-404.

15 THE COMMISSIONER SHALL IMPOSE A CIVIL PENALTY OF \$500 PER DAY FOR
16 EACH DAY THAT A PERSON IS IN VIOLATION OF § 19-403 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2006.