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COUNTY COUNCIL OF WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND LEGISLATIVE SESSION, 2019 BILL 2019-03

Introduced: April 16, 2019

BY: The Council President

AN ACT to amend the Wicomico County Personnel Manual Chapter 27, titled "Definitions," Section 2701, to correct the definition of "Termination-at-Will" to properly describe the status of employees on their initial probationary period and appointed employees, as "at-will" employees.

WHEREAS, because of a drafting error in Legislative Bill 2018-13, the definition of "Termination-at-Will" in the Personnel Manual incorrectly describes the status of an employee on their initial probationary period and appointed employees; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to correct that erroneous language so that the definition of "Termination-at-Will properly describes the status of those employees, which is established by Legislative Bill 2018-13 and other legislation in accordance with the Wicomico County Charter.

SECTION I: BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND, IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION, that the Wicomico County Personnel Manual Chapter 27, titled "Definitions," Section 2701, is hereby amended as follows to clarify that employees on their initial probationary period and appointed employees are "at-will" employees:

## CHAPTER 27 DEFINITIONS

2701 <u>Definitions</u>. The following words and terms, whenever used in this manual, shall have the meaning indicated:

<u>Termination at-Will.</u> A condition under which an employer is free to terminate the employment relationship either for some specific reason or even for no reason at all. Employees on their initial probationary period, and appointed employees, are merit "AT-WILL" employees, provided however that deputy department directors are not at will employees after the probationary period following appointment.

SECTION II. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED THAT this Bill shall be known as Bill No. 2019-03 of Wicomico County, Maryland and shall take effect sixty (60) days after its final passage, unless a proper Petition for Referendum thereof shall be filed prior to said date; in which event, the Bill shall not take effect until the expiration of thirty (30) days following the approval of this Bill by a majority of the qualified voters of the County voting in any such referendum.

Certified correct as passed and adopted by the County Council of Wicomico County, Maryland this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: John T. Cannon, President

BY: Laura Hurley, Secretary

I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of the above Bill are available to the public, the press and other news media at the time of its introduction.

Laura Hurley, Secretary

Explanation:

CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

Strike out indicates material deleted from law.

CAPITAL - STRIKE OUT indicates matter stricken from Bill by Amendment.

Underlining indicates Amendments to Bill.

## COUNTY COUNCIL WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND

2019 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 08

LEGISLATIVE BILL NO. 2019-03

INTRODUCED BY: President of the Council.

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Introduced and read first time on <u>April 16, 2019</u> . Ordered po: p.m.	sted and public hearing scheduled for May 7, 2019 at 6:00  Laura Hurley, Council Administrator
PUBLIC HEARING: Having been posted and notice of time an according to the Charter, the Bill was read for a second time May 7, 2019.	
CERTIFICATION: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Bi Wicomico County, Maryland, on the 7 <sup>th</sup> day of <u>May, 2019</u> .	Ill was Approved and Adopted by the County Council of Laura Hurley, Council Administrator
Presented to the County Executive for approval this 🤼 da	ay of Moy 2019 at 9'30a.m. (5 days §411)  Laura Hurley, Council administrator
BY THE EXECUTIVE:	APPROVED Date: (21 days §411)
County Executive  BY THE COUNCIL:	Date: S/VI 19
Option One: This Bill, having been approved by the County E onand effer (60 days §311)	
Option Two: This Bill, having received neither the approval n presentation, stands enacted onand (60 days §311)	
Option Three: This Bill, being exempt from the Executive Vetobecomes effective on (Charter Sec	
Laura Hurley, Co	pritted to the County Council of Wicomico County for Derride on June 4, 2019, becomes law on June 4, 2019, bunch Administrator