

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**

**2022 Legislative Session**

Bill No. CB-023-2022

Chapter No. 29

Proposed and Presented by The Chair (by request – County Executive)

Introduced by Council Members Hawkins, Harrison, Franklin, Turner, Glaros, Dernoga,  
Streeter, Taveras, and Medlock

Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Introduction June 7, 2022

**BILL**

1 AN ACT repealing the Prince George's County Police Department Use of Force statutory  
 2 provision as part of the new County laws being enacted in accordance with the State of Maryland  
 3 Police Accountability Act of 2021.

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5 For the purpose of repealing Section 18-156 – Use of Force.

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 7 BY repealing:

8 SUBTITLE 18. POLICE.

9 Section 18-156

10 The Prince George's County Code

11 (2019 Edition; 2021 Supplement).

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,  
 13 Maryland, that Section 18-156 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby  
 14 repealed:

15 SUBTITLE 18. POLICE.

16 DIVISION 5. POLICE DEPARTMENT.

17 SUBDIVISION 2. RULES OF CONDUCT FOR POLICE OFFICERS

18 **Sec. 18-156. – Reserved. [Use of Force.**

19 The use of reasonable physical force by sworn police officers is authorized in situations which  
 20 cannot be otherwise controlled. The use of reasonable physical force is authorized when other

reasonable alternatives have been exhausted or would clearly be ineffective under the particular circumstances. In no circumstance may the use of physical force be more than that which is necessary to achieve a lawful purpose. Officers are permitted to use deadly force only when the officer reasonably believes that the use of deadly force is necessary in the defense of human life, including the officer's own life, or in the defense of any person in immediate danger of serious physical injury.]

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection, or section.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect on June 30, 2022.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Calvin S. Hawkins, II  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Donna J. Brown  
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Angela D. Alsobrooks  
County Executive

KEY:

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.

[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.

Asterisks \*\*\* indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.

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