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

**2025 Legislative Session**

Bill No. CB-097-2025

Chapter No. 73

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Burroughs, Hawkins, and Harrison

Introduced by Council Member Burroughs, Hawkins, Harrison, and Watson

Co-Sponsors

Date of Introduction October 21, 2025

**BILL**

AN ACT concerning

Animal Control

For the purpose of revising and adding certain definitions; increasing certain civil penalties; expanding the leash law; expanding the type of dangerous animals; providing for a certain provocation; requiring a certain special permit and fee; providing for a certain licensing fee; providing for a certain licensing penalty; lifting a certain ban; providing for a certain grandfather provision; providing for certain pet parenting or animal handling courses; providing for a pilot program to foster and adopt a certain specific dog breed under specific circumstances; providing for certain timeframes for permits and agreements and registration; providing for certain fines; providing for certain facilities to refer a certain specific dog breed to serve in a certain pilot program to be service animals; providing for certain spaying and neutering of a certain dog breed; providing for a certain re-lettering; and generally regarding animal control in the County.

BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

SUBTITLE 3. ANIMAL CONTROL.
Sections 3-101, 3-116, 3-135, 3-136, and 3-185.01,
The Prince George's County Code
(2023 Edition; 2024 Supplement).

BY adding:

SUBTITLE 3. ANIMAL CONTROL.
Sections 3-146.01, 3-185.02 and 3-185.03,
The Prince George's County Code

(2023 Edition; 2024 Supplement).

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that Sections 3-101, 3-116, 3-135, 3-136, and 3-185.01 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same are hereby repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

**SUBTITLE 3. ANIMAL CONTROL.**

**DIVISION 1. DEFINITIONS.**

**Sec. 3-101. Definitions.**

(a) As used in and for the purposes of this Subtitle, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings assigned to them herein:

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(7) **Animal at large** shall mean an animal [except a service animal,] not under restraint, not leashed, and off the premises of its owner as set forth in Section 3-135 of this Subtitle. Service animals under appropriate control of their handler per ADA guidelines and dogs in service of law enforcement shall be exempt.

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[(33) **Dangerous animal** shall mean any animal that without provocation

[(a)] (A) inflicts injury on a human on public or private property; or

[(b)] (B) [kills a domesticate animal or human; or] killed or caused severe injury to a domesticated animal or human; or

[(c)] (C) has been previously identified to be potentially dangerous; or [found to be potentially dangerous because of injury inflicted on a human or an animal, the owner having received notice of such and the animal again aggressively bites, attacks, or endangers public safety;

(D) was declared by another jurisdiction as dangerous or potentially dangerous, or like term. [(even if the other jurisdiction uses a different term).]

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**(33) Dangerous animal.**

(a) Any animal that without provocation:

(i) kills or inflicts injury on a human on private or public property;

(ii) kills a domesticated and/or farm animal; or

(iii) has been previously found to be potentially dangerous because of injury inflicted

on a human or an animal, the owner having received notice of such and the animal again aggressively bites, attacks, or endangers public safety; or

(iv) poses a physical threat to humans because of specific training or demonstrated behavior, or because the animal's bite is poisonous; or

(v) has been declared dangerous or potentially dangerous elsewhere is defined to be a dangerous animal for the purpose of this Subtitle.

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[(63) **Potentially dangerous animal** shall mean

[(a)] (A) any animal when unprovoked: demonstrates the potential to inflict bites on humans or an animal, whether on public or private property, by chasing or approaching a person in a menacing fashion or apparent attitude of attack; or

(B) any animal with a known propensity, tendency, or disposition to attack unprovoked, to cause injury, or to otherwise threaten the safety of humans or animals; or

(C) is running-at-large and has been impounded by law enforcement two (2) or more times within any twelve (12) month period; or

(D) was declared by another jurisdiction as dangerous or potentially dangerous (even if the other jurisdiction uses a different term). The term "potentially dangerous animal" shall not include dogs used by law enforcement officials when the dog is being used for legitimate law enforcement purposes.]

(63) **Potentially dangerous animal** shall mean any animal that:

(A) [any animal] when unprovoked inflicts a bite, scratch, or injury on a domestic animal; or

(B) demonstrates the potential to inflict bites or injury on humans or an animal, whether on public or private property, by chasing or approaching a person in a menacing fashion or apparent attitude of attack; or any animal with a known propensity, tendency, or disposition to attack unprovoked, to cause injury, or to otherwise threaten the safety of humans or animals; or is at large and has been impounded two (2) or more times within any twelve (12) month period; or

(C) [an animal] that is not under restraint[. The term "potentially dangerous animal" shall not include dogs used by law enforcement officials when the dog is being used for legitimate law enforcement purposes], or

(D) was declared by another jurisdiction as dangerous, potentially dangerous, or like term.

The term "potentially dangerous animal" shall not include dogs used by law enforcement officials when the dog is being used for legitimate law enforcement purposes.

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(77.1) **Provocation** shall mean

(A) the threat was sustained by a person who at the time was committing a crime of offense upon the owner or custodian of the dog or was committing a willful trespass or other tort upon the premises or property occupied by the owner of the animal; or

(B) the threatening person was abusing, assaulting, or physically threatening the dog or its offspring; or

(C) the injured, threatened or killed companion animal was attacking or threatening to attack the dog or its offspring; or

(D) the dog was responding to pain or injury or was protecting itself, its owner, custodian, or a member of its household, kennel, or offspring.

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(84.1) **Severe Injury** shall mean any physical injury from single or multiple bite(s) resulting in broken bones, serious disfigurement, serious impairment of health, serious impairment of a bodily function, or requiring multiple sutures or cosmetic surgery. Usually, a severe bite would correlate to a level four (4) or more on the Ian Dunbar scale.

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(84.2) **Service animal** shall mean any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability.

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## SUBTITLE 3. ANIMAL CONTROL.

## DIVISION 4. ANIMAL CONTROL ENFORCEMENT.

### SUBDIVISION 1. ENFORCEMENT AND VIOLATION NOTICES.

**Sec. 3-116. Civil penalties; subsequent violations.**

(a) Any person found to have violated any provision of this Subtitle shall be subject to the following civil penalties:

(1) For violation of Sections 3-133, 3-134, 3-135, 3-138, 3-139, 3-144, 3-145, 3-148, and 3-184, the fines shall be Fifty Dollars ($50.00) for the first violation, One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) for the second offense, and Two Hundred Fifty Dollars ($250.00) for each subsequent violation.

(2) For violation of Sections 3-125, 3-132, 3-148.03, 3-149, 3-158, 3-159, 3-160 through 3-174, 3-177, 3-183, 3-186, 3-188, and 3-190, the civil penalty for each violation shall be One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) for the first violation, Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) for the second violation, and One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) for each subsequent violation.

(3) For violation of Sections [3-137,] 3-175, 3-176, 3-189, 3-191, 3-195, and 3-196, the civil penalty for the first violation shall be One Hundred Dollars ($100.00), One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) for the second offense, and Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($2,500.00) for each subsequent violation.

(4) For violation of Sections 3-131, 3-141, 3-142, and 3-180, the civil penalty shall be Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) for the first violation, One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) for the second violation, and Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($2,500.00) for each subsequent violation.

(5) For violation of any other Section of this Subtitle not separately specified in this Section, the civil penalty shall be Twenty-five Dollars ($25.00) for the first violation, Fifty Dollars ($50.00) for the second violation occurring within a twenty-four (24) month period, and One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) for each subsequent violation occurring within a twenty-four (24) month period.

(6) For violation of Sections 3-136 and 3-137, the civil penalty shall be Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) for the first violation, One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($1,500.00) for the second violation, and Three Thousand ($3,000.00) for each subsequent violation.

**SUBTITLE 3. ANIMAL CONTROL.**

**DIVISION 4. ANIMAL CONTROL ENFORCEMENT.**

**SUBDIVISION 3. ANIMAL CONTROL REGULATIONS.**

**Sec. 3-135. Animals at large prohibited.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for the owner or custodian of any animal (including, but not limited to, any cattle, horse, mule, swine, sheep, goat, geese, ducks, chickens, dog, cat, or other animal)

to permit the animal to run at large or be at large as defined in Section 3-101(7) within Prince George's County, Maryland. At large shall also include:

(1) The confinement or securing of an animal by any person at a location other than on the premises of its owner, custodian, or authorized agent;

(2) Herding such animal or tying it for grazing in any street or other public place;

or (3) The fastening or tethering of any horse or other animal on public property affixed to any standard (i.e., rail, post, fence), hydrant, shade tree, or to any box or case around such tree, or to any public ornamental tree on any street or public ground.

(b) Any animal found at large or running at large is declared to be a nuisance and dangerous to the public health, safety, and welfare.

(c) The owner of any animal running at large shall be held strictly liable for a violation of this statute, except as provided in paragraphs (f) and (g) of this Section, and for any damages caused by said animal.

(d) Any person who is aware of an animal running at large within the County shall report the condition by telephone. The identity of an informant under this Section shall not be disclosed except to employees of the Animal Control program and duly authorized law enforcement officers.

(e) Any Animal Control Officer, police officer, or other agent authorized or empowered to perform any duty under this Subtitle may pursue any animal at large or running at large and may go upon any premises for impounding the animal at large or running at large. If the animal returns to the premises of its owner, the Animal Control Officer may pursue the animal upon the unenclosed exterior premises of the owner. If the owner or custodian takes the animal within the enclosed interior portion of his premises, the Animal Control Officer or police officer shall direct the owner or custodian to surrender the animal for impoundment. No person, after having been directed by an Animal Control Officer or law enforcement officer to surrender an animal for impoundment, shall fail to surrender the animal immediately. Failure to surrender an animal for impoundment upon demand by an Animal Control Officer or law enforcement officer is a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, the violator may be punished by a fine not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) or by imprisonment not to exceed ninety (90) days in the County Detention Center, or both. In addition to the criminal penalty hereby imposed, the Commission may impose civil penalties pursuant to Section 3-110 and Section 3-116 herein.

(f) Any animal is considered at large if it is outside the owner's premise and not leashed, unless it is a service animal, is in an animal exercise area, designated by Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) or the Administrator, or in a securely fenced area on the premises of another property owner with the permission of the property owner or lessee, or is participating in an approved activity such as undergoing obedience training or engaged in the sport of hunting in authorized areas and supervised by a competent person.

(g) For purposes of this Section, the common area of an apartment complex, homeowners' association, condominium, or cooperative is not the owner's premises.

(h) A leash may not exceed ten (10) feet in length. A retractable leash or electronic training collar or similar device does not meet the leash requirement for the purposes of this section.

[(g)](i) No animal running at large by accident with a person in immediate pursuit of it shall be deemed to be at large, running at large or a stray.

**Sec. 3-136. - Dangerous animals.**

[(a) Any animal that without provocation:

(i) kills or inflicts injury on a human on private or public property;

(ii) kills a domesticated and/or farm animal; [or]

(iii) has been previously found to be potentially dangerous because of injury inflicted on a human or an animal, the owner having received notice of such and the animal again aggressively bites, attacks, or endangers public safety;

(iv) poses a physical threat to humans because of specific training or demonstrated behavior, or because the animal's bite is poisonous; or

(v) has been declared dangerous or potentially dangerous elsewhere is defined to be a dangerous animal for the purpose of this Subtitle.]

(a) An owner of an animal declared dangerous or potentially dangerous in another jurisdiction must remove the animal from the County within ten (10) days after receiving a citation or other notice of a violation of this Section unless waived of this requirement and has imposed conditions or restrictions for the animal to remain in the County. The Administrator may waive these prohibitions for a specific animal only upon a finding that the animal is not a threat to public health or safety. No animal shall be found to be dangerous if the threat, injury, or damage was sustained by a person who was acting in provocation. [:

(1) Committing, at the time, a crime upon the premises occupied by the animal's owner or custodian;

(2) Committing, at the time, a tort upon the premises occupied by the animal's owner or custodian; [or]

(3) Provoking, tormenting, or physically abusing the animal[.]; or

(4) The animal was protecting or defending a person in the immediate vicinity; or

(5) The animal was defending itself, its litter, or another animal.]

(b)It shall be the duty of the Police Department to receive and document complaints concerning dangerous animals. It shall be the duty of the Administrator/Animal Control Officer to receive and investigate complaints concerning dangerous animals. Whenever an animal complained against shall be reasonably deemed by a police officer or the Administrator/Animal Control Officer to be a dangerous animal, the police officer or Administrator/Animal Control Officer shall report the fact to the Commission in the form of a written complaint and shall be authorized and empowered to impound the animal pending a hearing if he reasonably believes that the owner of the animal is not capable of restraining the animal from attacking, biting, or injuring any human being or other animal pending a hearing on whether the animal is dangerous. Notwithstanding the above, whenever an animal causes severe injury to any human being, the police officer or Animal Control Officer shall impound the animal pending a hearing by the Commission. In this Section, severe injury means any physical injury from single or multiple bite(s) resulting in broken bones, serious disfigurement, serious impairment of health, serious impairment of a bodily function, or requiring multiple sutures or cosmetic surgery.

(c)Whenever an animal has been impounded pursuant to this Section, the owner shall be notified within forty-eight (48) hours of the impoundment of a right to a preliminary hearing. The preliminary hearing shall be scheduled within seventy-two (72) hours of a written request by the owner. This preliminary hearing may be conducted by a hearing officer designated by the Commission and shall be for the sole purpose of determining whether the owner of the animal is capable of restraining the animal from attacking, biting or injuring any human being or other animal until it can be determined at a hearing conducted by the Animal Control Commission whether the animal is dangerous.

(d) If it is determined that the alleged dangerous animal may be returned to the custody of the owner until the scheduled full hearing, the Commission may impose such requirements of

conditions as are deemed necessary to restrain the animal and the owner shall be required to pay the costs and maintenance expenses incurred during the time that the animal was impounded. Should the owner not adhere to conditions set forth by the Commission, the alleged dangerous animal shall be immediately impounded and remain in the custody of the County pending the outcome of the full hearing.

(e)If the Commission determines that continuing impoundment is necessary, the owner shall be responsible for all costs and maintenance expenses incurred.

(f) Any person who alleges that an animal is dangerous may file a complaint with the Animal Control Commission that states in clear language why the animal is dangerous. This complaint shall identify where the animal is located and describe the animal which is the subject of the complaint. The Administrator shall investigate the complaint and may impound the animal in accordance with this Section.

(g) The Commission shall conduct a public hearing upon the question of whether the animal is a dangerous animal in accordance with the provisions of Section 3-110 of this Subtitle.

(h) If the Commission, upon the evidence before it, finds that the animal complained of is in fact a dangerous animal, as defined in Subsection (a), above, and Section 3-101(32), the Commission may direct the owner or custodian of the dangerous animal to confine the animal and to abate its danger to the public in accordance with Section 3-137 herein, or require the owner or custodian of the dangerous animal to surrender the animal to the County and authorize the Administrator to destroy the animal.

(i) The Administrator shall maintain a record of all known dangerous animals in Prince George's County.

(j) If any animal shall be found at large or running at large by an Animal Control Officer or police officer and, in the judgment of the Animal Control Officer or police officer, such animal is dangerous, and cannot be taken up or tranquilized and impounded, such animal may be slain by the Animal Control Officer or police officer.

(k) The Administrator or any other person must not sell, release, or place for adoption an animal that an animal control officer found is dangerous or potentially dangerous unless the Administrator finds the action is safe.

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**SUBDIVISION 3. ANIMAL CONTROL.**

**DIVISION 5. LICENSES AND STANDARDS.**

**SUBDIVISION 1. PET LICENSES.**

**Section 3-146.01. Pit Bull Terriers; Special Permit Required; Fee.**

Application for a special permit and fee shall be made to the Department. All persons owning, keeping or harboring a Pit Bull Terrier shall obtain a special permit and shall pay an annual fee of $25. The Department shall administer Pit Bull Terrier special permits and fees. The provisions of licensing in this Subtitle shall apply to Pit Bull Terriers.

**SUBTITLE 3. ANIMAL CONTROL.**

**DIVISION 6. OTHER RULES, REGULATIONS, AND STANDARDS.**

**Sec. 3-185.01. - Pit Bull Terriers.**

(a) Any person already owning, keeping or harboring a Pit Bull Terrier within the County as of the effective date of this Act shall be exempt from the former Pit Bull Terrier ban subject to associated conditions, provisions and exemptions, as set forth in former Section 3-185.01 (a) through (d). No other provisions of this Act shall be grandfathered. All other provisions of this Act are prospective in effect.

[(a) Except as provided below, no person shall own, keep, or harbor a Pit Bull Terrier within the County.

(b) Any person owning a Pit Bull Terrier prior to November 1, 1996, may continue to harbor the animal on his premises under the following conditions:

(1) The animal shall be registered by the Administrator of Animal Control, and must at all times wear a tag provided by the Administrator which will readily identify it as a registered Pit Bull Terrier.

(2) The owner shall pay an annual fee of $50.00 to the Administrator of Animal Control to maintain such animals and support enforcement.

(3) The owner shall maintain the dog within a building or a secure kennel at all times. Whenever the dog is removed from the building or kennel it shall be secured by an unbreakable or unseverable leash and maintained under the control of an adult.

(c) A person may temporarily hold a Pit Bull Terrier in the County for the purpose of showing the dog in a place of public exhibition, contest, or show sponsored by a dog club, association, or similar organization. The sponsor of the exhibition or show must obtain written

permission from the Director and must provide protective measures to prevent the dog from escaping or injuring the public. The dog shall at all times during the transportation to and from the show or exhibition be confined in a secure temporary enclosure.

(d) Any dog employed or owned by the County or licensed security services and trained to perform official police, correctional, security, fire and/or search and rescue service shall be exempt from the provisions of this Section.]

[(a)] (b) The County shall implement a pilot program for Pit Bull Terriers owned, kept or harbored after the effective date of this Act, as provided below:

(1) A person may foster a Pit Bull Terrier through [Animal Control] the Administrator in the County.

(2) A person may adopt a Pit Bull Terrier through [Animal Control]the Administrator in the County under the following conditions:

(A) [Animal Control] the Administrator must deem the Pit Bull Terrier adoptable; and

(B) The person must apply for a permit, within 45 days of enactment of this Act, and shall register the Pit Bull Terrier within six months of enactment of this Act, which includes a signed agreement concerning responsibility for the dog; and

(C) The person must provide the address of where the Pit Bull Terrier will be located; and

(D) The person must comply with all other requirements in subsection (4) of this Section; and

(E) [Animal Control] The Administrator must microchip the Pit Bull Terrier and the Pit Bull Terrier except those used for exhibition must be spayed or neutered in accordance with this Section, Section 3-177 and Section 3-185.03 of this Subtitle.

(3) A person in the County owning a Pit Bull Terrier may harbor the animal under the following conditions:

(A) The person must apply for and maintain a permit, within 45 days of enactment of this Act, and shall register the Pit Bull Terrier within six months of enactment of this Act, which includes a signed agreement concerning responsibility for the dog.

(B) The permit application and signed agreement must include:

(i) The name of the person who owns the Pit Bull Terrier and the address

of where the Pit Bull Terrier will be located; and

(ii) Proof of rabies vaccination; and

(iii) Proof of microchip; and

(iv) A description of the Pit Bull Terrier; and

(v) A statement that the person agrees to comply with Sections 3-135 of this Subtitle, the County leash law and responsible dog ownership.

(4) Any owner or custodian of a Pit Bull Terrier shall:

(A) [Complete a pet parenting class offered by Animal Control;] Complete pet parenting or animal handling courses as needed or mandated by [Animal Control]the Administrator; and

(B) Notify animal protection in person or by telephone of any of the following occurrences within the scheduled time frames as set forth in this subsection:

(i) Within eight (8) hours after the Pit Bull Terrier has escaped or has otherwise ceased to be in the custody of the owner or keeper for any reason, unless the owner or keeper knows such animal to be physically secured, restrained, or confined and to be in the custody of a competent adult; and

(ii) Within eight (8) hours after the Pit Bull Terrier has attacked or bitten a person or another domestic animal; and

(iii) If the Pit Bull Terrier has died, or if the owner or keeper of the Pit Bull Terrier or the address of the Pit Bull Terrier has changed to a person or location outside of the County, the owner or keeper listed on the breed-restricted permit shall notify [Animal Control] the Administrator within twenty-four (24) hours of such change, including the name, address, and telephone number of the new owner or keeper. If the owner or keeper or location of the Pit Bull Terrier changes to a person or location at a different address within the County, the owner or keeper listed on the breed-restricted permit shall notify [Animal Control] the Administrator under the direction of the Administrator of Animal Control in the County within twenty-four (24) hours of the change, including the name, address, and telephone number of the new owner, and the new owner or keeper may be permitted to modify the breed-restricted permit to reflect the new owner's name in the discretion of [Animal Control] the Administrator but such modification must be obtained within five (5) days of the change;

[(b)] (c) [Animal Control] The Administrator shall be permitted to contact the owner at

reasonable times, upon reasonable notice, and in a reasonable manner and inspect the Pit Bull Terrier and/or the premises where the Pit Bull Terrier is located to assess sanitary and health conditions and compliance with this Section.

[(c)] (d) Violation by an owner or keeper of the conditions of the breed-restricted permit may impact the permit and may result in other criminal or administrative penalties allowed by this Code. A person who fails to obtain a permit for a Pit Bull Terrier shall be fined [$50] $300. A person who violates the conditions of the permit as provided in the signed agreement shall be fined [$50] $300.

[(d)] (e) Nothing in this Section shall be construed in any manner as altering any owner or custodian's duties, responsibilities, and/or liabilities under this Subtitle.

[(e)] (f) [Animal Control] The Administrator will collect, maintain, and review data and findings from inspections and violations and shall report findings to the County Council bimonthly.

SECTION 2. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that Sections 3-146.01, 3-185.02 and 3-185.03 of the Prince George's County Code be and is hereby added:

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**SUBTITLE 3. ANIMAL CONTROL.**

**DIVISION 6. OTHER RULES, REGULATIONS, AND STANDARDS.**

**Sec. 3-185.02 Pit Bull Terriers, Service Animals.**

The Animal Services and Adoption Center or other animal shelter shall refer some of the Pit Bull Terriors in the pilot program to be service animals, as defined in Sec. 3-101(a)(84.2).

**Sec. 3-185.03. Pit Bull Terriers; Spaying and Neutering.**

All Pit Bull Terriers except those used for exhibition must be spayed or neutered.

SECTION [2.] 3. 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.] 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this 18th day of November, 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Edward P. Burroughs III
Chair

ATTEST:

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Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Aisha N. Braveboy
County Executive

THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE HAVING FAILED TO RETURN THIS BILL WITH EITHER HER APPROVAL OR VETO WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF ITS PRESENTATION TO HER, THIS BILL BECAME LAW ON DECEMBER 18, 2025.