

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

**Meeting Date:** 11/26/96

**Reference No.:** CB-106-1996

**Proposer:** Gourdine

**Draft No.:** 2

**Sponsors:** Gourdine

**Item Title:** To define Pit Bull Terrier dogs; prohibiting any person from owning, keeping, or harboring Pit Bulls under certain circumstances, and providing for penalties for violation

**Drafter:** Robert Williams  
HEHS Committee Director

**Resource Personnel:** Council Member Gourdine

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

**Date Presented:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Executive Action:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ US

**Committee Referral:**(1) 10/29/96 HEHS

**Effective Date:** 2/3/97

**Committee Action:**(1) 11/13/96 UNFAV

**Date Introduced:** 10/29/96

**Pub. Hearing Date:** 11/26/96 2:00 PM

**Council Action:** (1) 11/26/96 Enacted

**Council Votes:** SD:A, DB:A, JE:A, IG:A, AMc:N, WM:A, RVR:A, AS:N, MW:A

**Pass/Fail:** P

11/26/96 - Amended on the floor

**Remarks:**

**HEALTH, EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

DATE: 11/13/96

Committee Voted: **Unfavorable, 3-2** (In favor: Council Members MacKinnon, Scott and Wilson.  
Opposed: Council Members Bailey and Gourdine).

A majority of the Committee members restated their intent to establish a task force to address animal control issues in the next legislative year.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT****(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)**

This bill will provide a mechanism to protect the public from the unique hazard to safety represented by the ownership and possession of Pit Bull Terriers within the County. Current owners of such animals will be able to keep their animals if registered, tagged, and maintained in a manner to ensure public safety. Dogs employed by the County to perform public safety and rescue services are exempt.

**CODE INDEX TOPICS:****Animal Control***Animal Control Enforcement**Enforcement and Violation Notices*

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