

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORT
2026 Legislative Session

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Committee: PSHHS

Date: May 14, 2026

Action: FAV

REPORT: Committee Vote: Favorable, 3-0 (Council Members Fisher, Oriadha, and Hunter)

The Public Safety, Health and Human Services Committee convened on May 14, 2026, to consider **CB-038-2026** an act concerning Impersonation of Utility Companies and Government agencies, for the purpose of amending the Prince George's County code to supplement existing law that prohibits a person from falsely representing or acting on behalf of, a utility company or any local, state, or federal government; providing penalties for those violations; and generally relating to consumer protections and unlawful practices.

This legislation is intended to protect Prince George's County residents from scams by people who falsely claim to be from a utility company or a government agency. These impersonation schemes are used to pressure residents into making payments, sharing personal or account information, or allowing access to their property. The bill would make that conduct an unlawful practice under established County law and create penalties for violators.

- 1) First Offence - Fines up to \$2,000 dollars and imprisonment not to exceed 60 days
- 2) Second Offence – Fines up to \$3,000 and imprisonment up to 60 days
- 3) Third Offence – Fines up to \$5,000 and imprisonment not to exceed 60 days.

Ms. Lavinia Baxter provided the fiscal impact and a report that shows an upward trend and includes the latest impersonation case data by type from Prince George's County Police Department.

The Office of Law found the legislation to be in proper legislative form with no impediments to enactment.

Ms. Angela Angel, County Council Liaison, Office of the Executive, expressed support for the legislation.

Council Member Fisher, the sponsor, thanked Council Member Adams-Stafford for bringing this issue to her attention and noted that this is a great way to improve safety and protect the generational wealth in our county that is under threat.

A motion was made by Council Chair Oriadha and seconded by Council Member Hunter, and the Public Safety, Health, and Human Services Committee voted favorably, 3-0.