

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2024 Legislative Session**

Bill No. CB-090-2024

Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_

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

Introduced by Ivey, Oriadha, Watson, Harrison, Olson, Fisher, Dernoga, Hawkins,

Burroughs and Blegay

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

Date of Introduction October 15, 2024

**BILL**

AN ACT concerning

Increase of General Penalty

For the purpose of increasing the penalty for prohibited acts or violations of the County Code from \$1000.00 to \$5000.00.

By repealing and reenacting with amendments:

**SUBTITLE 1. – GENERAL PROVISIONS**

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that Section 1-123 is hereby repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

**Sec. 1-123. - General penalty; suspension or revocation of license or permit.**

(a) Whenever in this Code any act is prohibited or is made or declared to be unlawful or an offense or a misdemeanor, no person shall willfully violate any such provision of this Code. Where no specific penalty is provided therefor, the violation of any such prohibited or unlawful act or offense, or a misdemeanor, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding ~~One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)~~ Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or by imprisonment in the County Jail or other place of legal incarceration for not more than six (6) months.

1 (b) This Section shall not apply to County officials, officers, employees, boards,  
2 commissions or agencies while acting in the performance of their official duties.

3 (c) If the penalty for a particular offense is limited by State Statute then such limitation  
4 shall be applicable to the provision of this Code notwithstanding the provisions of the  
5 Section.

6 (d) The suspension or revocation of any license, certificate or other privilege conferred by  
7 the County, shall not be regarded as a penalty for the purposes of this Code but shall be in  
8 addition thereto.

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

18 SECTION3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect on forty-five (45)  
19 calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: Jolene Ivey  
Jolene Ivey  
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown  
Donna J. Brown  
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: December 12, 2024 BY: Tara H. Jackson  
Tara H. Jackson  
Acting 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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