COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND 2025 Legislative Session

	Bill No. CB-023-2025		
	Chapter No.		
	Proposed and Presented by Council Member Oriadha		
	Introduced by		
	Co-Sponsors		
	Date of Introduction		
BILL			
	AN ACT concerning		
Wildlife and Animal Control			
For the purpose of creating a study and fee for protecting wildlife, general health, saw welfare of the citizens impacted by wildlife within the county, and the creation of a j			
		plan to limit, control, and protect wildlife within the county.	
	BY adding:		
	SUBTITLE 3. ANIMAL CONTROL.		
Section 3-106.01, The Prince George's County Code			
			(2023 Edition; 2024 Supplement).
SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's Co			
	Maryland, that Section 3-106.01 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby		
	added		
SUBTITLE 3. ANIMAL CONTROL.			
DIVISION 2. ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM.			
Sec. 3.106.01. Wildlife Displacement Fees and Management.			
	(a) The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) and the		
	Department of the Environment (DOE) shall create a study on the effects of wildlife displacement		
	by the development of new land and reach out to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources		
	(DNR) for any input on the study.		
	(1) The contents of the study are listed below:		

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1	(A) The types of wildlife that are displaced during the development of land;		
2	(B) Identify any endangered animals that may be displaced during the development of		
3	land;		
4	(C) The costs associated with the removal of the wildlife from the land;		
5	(D) A estimated amount of costs that wildlife negatively impacts on the land which		
6	was developed, and developed lands within a reasonable amount distance;		
7	(E) A estimated amount of costs that wildlife negatively impacts on the land which		
8	was developed, and developed lands within a reasonable distance;		
9	(F) Identify and categorize areas based on the amount of wildlife present in those		
10	areas; and		
11	(G) A formula that establishes reasonable fees that are proportioned and directly		
12	applicable to any reasonable wildlife costs incurred by any of the enumerated study requirements		
13	or what M-NCPPC and the Department of the Environment deems necessary to protect, control,		
14	and limit wildlife within the County.		
15	(b) The M-NCPPC and the Department of the Environment shall provide the study within six		
16	(6) months of enactment.		
17	(c) From time to time, the M-NCPPC, the Department of the Environment, and the Animal		
18	Control Administrator shall reevaluate the study and make recommendations to the County		
19	Council.		
20	(d) The Wildlife Action Plan. The M-NCPPC, the Department of the Environment, and the		
21	Animal Control Administrator shall jointly create a comprehensive plan to address the wildlife		
22	displacement issues within the county.		
23	(1) The plan shall include the following goals:		
24	(A) Limiting wildlife displaced animals from encroaching and interfering with		
25	citizens' property;		
26	(B) Controlling wildlife animal displacement where lands are developed in a manner		
27	that ensures minimal wildlife interference with citizens and their property;		
28	(C) Protecting the displaced wildlife in a way that ensures they are kept safe for future		
29	generations to witness and enjoy;		
30	(D) Increasing the role of animal control in limiting, controlling, and protecting the		
31	wildlife within the County;		

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- (E) Animal Control's increased availability for wildlife calls from County residents;
- (F) What the M-NCPPC, DOE, and the Animal Control Administrator deem necessary in limiting, controlling, and protecting the wildlife within the County; and
- (G) From time to time, the Director of the Environment and the Animal Control Administrator shall reevaluate and update the Wildlife Action Plan as needed.

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 forty-five (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this day of	, 2025.		
	COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND		
	BY:EDWARD BURROUGHS, III Chair		
ATTEST:			
Donna J. Brown Clerk of the Council	APPROVED:		
DATE:	BY:AISHA BRAVEBOY County Executive		
KEY: <u>Underscoring</u> indicates language added to existing law. [Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law. Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.			