

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

## COMMITTEE REPORT

2016 Legislative Session

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**Reference No.:** CB-59-2016

**Draft No.:** 2

**Committee:** TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

**Date:** 10/6/2016

**Action:** FAV (A)

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### REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable with amendments, 4-0 (In favor: Council Members Patterson, Turner, Davis and Taveras)

The Legislative Officer provided a summary of the bill and referral comments that were received. CB-59-2016 concerns the Landlord-Tenant Code Drug Activity and Prostitution for the purpose of making persons, Landlords, Landlords' agents, management staff and/or owners, as well as tenants, liable for the use of apartments for drug activities and/or for prostitution, including human trafficking. The bill provides for punishment for statutory violators, a voluntary program on human trafficking, voluntary registration, voluntary training, and voluntary certification, and generally regarding drug activity and/or prostitution, including human trafficking.

Representatives from the Prince Georges County Police Department and representatives from AOBA, the MBIA, and the Human Trafficking Task Force provided additional information and spoke in support of this legislation.

Amendments are as follows:

On page 1, after "violators;" insert "providing for certain inquiries;".

On page 1, in line 20, insert "and 13-162.00.04."

On page 2, in line 16, strike "and" after "Section 13-162.00.03" insert "and Section 13-162.00.04"

On page 2, in line 9, strike "complicitly and/or"; and on page 2, in line 24, strike "complicitly and/or".

On page 2, strike "Sec. 13-162.00.03" and substitute "Sec.13-162.00.04". On page 2, after line 29, insert "**Sec. 13-162.00.03 Inquiries, complaints.**".

On page 2, after line 29, insert:

(a) Any inquiries and/or complaints regarding prostitution and/or human trafficking to the Prince George’s County 311 Call center shall be directed to the enforcing agencies of the County, including the Human Relations Commission.

(b) The Human Relations Commission shall make available to property owners and landlords of rental properties requesting the information and/or the inquiries or complaints received regarding their rental properties.

(c) The Human Relations Commission shall make available resources regarding prostitution and/or human trafficking to property owners and landlords of rental properties.

On page 3, in line 5, strike “Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement” and substitute “Human Relations Commission.”.

On page 3, in line 4, strike “shall” and substitute “may”. On page 3, in line 7, strike “Department of Permitting, Inspection, and Enforcement” and substitute “Human Relations Commission”.

On page 3, in line 5, strike “with” and substitute “by”. On page 3, in line 9, strike “Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement” and substitute “Human Relations Commission.”.

On page 3, in line 12, strike “viewing a”; and on page 3, in line 13, strike “video”.

On page 3, in line 15, strike “2018” and substitute “2017”.

On page 3, in line 16, strike “annually” and substitute “biannually”; on page 3, in line 16, strike “Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement” and substitute “Human Relations Commission”. On page 3, in line 17, strike “Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement” and substitute “Human Relations Commission”. On page 3, in line 18, strike “annual” and substitute “biannual”.

September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Held in Committee

The Office of Law determined that CB-59-2016 was in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its enactment.

The Office of Audits and Investigation indicated there should not be any negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of enactment CB-59-2016.