

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2024 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-90-2024

Draft No.: 1

Committee: Committee of the Whole

Date: October 1, 2024

Action: FAV

REPORT: Committee Vote: Favorable 9-0 (Council Members Ivey, Blegay, Burroughs, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Olson, Oriadha, Watson)

The Prince George's County Council, sitting as the Committee of the Whole, convened on October 1, 2024, to consider **CB-90-2024**, an act concerning amending the County Code to **increase the general penalty** found in County Code Section 1-123. This increase is now possible due to action in the 2024 General Assembly, which passed HB-501-2024. The legislation provides charter counties authority to increase penalties from the current maximum of \$1,000 to a maximum of \$5,000. According to the Policy and Fiscal Analysis statement. The bill should increase revenue through higher fines and possibly decrease violations.

Council members Dernoga and Fisher thanked the sponsors in Annapolis (Senator Augustine and Delegate Fennel) and noted the effective work of County Council staff guiding the legislation to a successful conclusion.

The Office of Law finds CB-90-2024 to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its enactment.

Sakinda Skinner, representing the Office of the County Executive, asked for a favorable recommendation and thanked the council members who contacted the administration about raising the penalty.

After discussion, the Prince George's County Council, sitting as the Committee of the Whole, reported CB-90-2024 out favorably, 9-0.