

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2014 Legislative Session**

Bill No. CB-25-2014

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

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

Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date of Introduction \_\_\_\_\_

**BILL**

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Prohibition of Automated Purchasing Machines

3 For the purpose of amending the County’s secondhand personal property and pawn dealers law  
4 to prohibit the use of automated purchasing machines (also known as “reverse vending  
5 machines”).

6 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

7 SUBTITLE 5. BUSINESSES AND LICENSES.

8 Section 5-233,

9 The Prince George's County Code

10 (2011 Edition; 2013 Supplement).

11 BY adding:

12 SUBTITLE 5. BUSINESSES AND LICENSES.

13 Section 5-236.01,

14 The Prince George's County Code

15 (2011 Edition; 2013 Supplement).

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,  
17 Maryland, that Section 5-233 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby  
18 repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

19 **SUBTITLE 5. BUSINESSES AND LICENSES.**

20 **DIVISION 19. SECONDHAND AND PAWN DEALERS.**

21 **Sec. 5-233. Definition.**

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(d) The term “automated purchasing machine” means a self-service device that is designed to dispense money in exchange for a portable electronic device; and is also known as a “reverse vending machine.”

(1) The term “automated purchasing machine operator” means a person that buys or offers to buy a portable electronic device by means of an automated purchasing machine.

(2) The term “portable electronic device” or “device” means a portable battery-powered device with a serial number that is capable of being easily transported or conveyed by a person; and facilitating communication through voice, data, text, or other visual or auditory format.

(3) The term “person” means an individual, or partnership, firm, association, corporation, or other entity of any kind. “Person” does not include a government entity or instrumentality or unit of a government entity.

(4) The term “seller” means a person who sells or offers to sell a portable electronic device to an automated purchasing machine in exchange for money.

SECTION 2. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that Section 5-236.01 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby added:

**Sec. 5-236.01. Prohibition of automated purchasing machines.**

(a) General Prohibition. An automated purchasing machine operator may not purchase from a seller or offer to purchase from a seller any portable electronic device by means of an automated purchasing machine.

(b) Exception. This Section does apply to the recycling of a portable electronic device at a landfill or solid-waste facility that is operated privately or by a governmental entity or an instrumentality or unit of a governmental entity.

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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mel Franklin  
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Redis C. Floyd  
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rushern L. Baker, III  
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.