



# Prince George's County Council

## Agenda Item Summary

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**Meeting Date:**

**Effective Date:**

**Reference No.:** CB-098-2024

**Chapter Number:**

**Draft No.:** 1

**Public Hearing Date:**

**Proposer(s):** Fisher

**Sponsor(s):** Fisher

**Item Title:** AN ACT CONCERNING BUSINESSES AND LICENSES - SHOPPING CART CONTROL for the purpose of keeping shopping carts out of communities by requiring retail businesses to label and equip shopping carts with control devices; requiring timely retrieval of shopping carts removed from store premises; providing for the disposal of abandoned carts; imposing penalties on non-complaint businesses; providing for appeals of such penalties; and authorizing the promulgation of implementing regulations.

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**Drafter:** Eric Irving

**Resource Personnel:**

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### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>Acting Body:</b>	<b>Action:</b>	<b>Sent To:</b>
09/24/2024	County Council	presented and referred	TIEE

**Action Text:**

This Council Bill was presented by Council Member Watson and referred to the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee.

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### AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

05-282 05-281 05-275 05-276 05-277 05-278 05-279 05-280

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### BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

The purpose of this bill is to address the public nuisance created by abandoned shopping carts by requiring retail business owners to take reasonable steps to prevent their removal. The bill requires large retail establishments to install security mechanisms to restrict carts from leaving the business premises by May 2025. Additionally, the bill imposes a daily fine on business owners who fail to retrieve carts found in the community within three business days. Finally, the bill authorizes DPIE to carry out compliance inspections and develop regulations to implement this legislation.

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**Document(s):** B2024098