

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

1995 Legislative Session

Bill No. _____ CB-73-1995

Chapter No. _____ 59

Proposed and Presented by _____ Council Member MacKinnon

Introduced by _____ Council Member MacKinnon

Co-Sponsors

Date of Introduction _____ October 17, 1995

BILL

AN ACT concerning

Morals and Conduct

For the purpose of repealing certain provisions of the County Code which are obsolete.

BY repealing:

SUBTITLE 14. MORALS AND CONDUCT.

Sections 14-143, 14-144, and 14-145,

The Prince George's County Code

(1991 Edition, 1994 Supplement).

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that Sections 14-143, 14-144, and 14-145 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same are hereby repealed:

SUBTITLE 14. MORALS AND CONDUCT.

DIVISION 7. [BRIBERY.] Reserved.

Sec. 14-143. [Definitions.] Reserved.

[(a) **Bribe** means money, property, gift, fee, payment, services, loan, entertainment, hospitality, or other thing having a value of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) or more.

(b) **Public officials** means all elected and appointed officers and employees of the county, whether subject to the personnel merit system or otherwise, and to the County Commissioners, State's Attorney, County Treasurer, Judges of the Orphans Court, Clerk of the Circuit Court, County Surveyor, Sheriff, department heads, and all other officers, employees,

and members of boards, commissions, and agencies including Prince George's County members of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and Maryland- National Capital Park and Planning Commission appointed by the governor or hired or appointed by or under the authority of the County Commissioners or any other elected official or officials, which persons shall hereinafter be referred to as "official" or "officials."]

Sec. 14-144. [Bribery of public officials.] Reserved.

[Under the provisions of this Division, any person who gives or offers or causes to be given or offered a bribe or agreement to a public official or attempts, directly or indirectly, by threat, menace, deceit, suppression of truth, or other corrupt means, to influence a public official in the performance of his official duties is punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten years, or by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), or by both.]

Sec. 14-145. [Receiving bribes by public officials.] Reserved.

[Under the provisions of this Division, any public official who asks, receives, or agrees to receive any bribe upon any understanding that his official opinion, judgment or action shall be influenced thereby, or shall be given in any particular manner or upon any particular side of any question or matter upon which he may be required to act in his official capacity, is punishable by imprisonment in a state prison not exceeding ten years, or by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), or by both.]

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this 7th day of November, 1995.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY:

Anne T. MacKinnon
Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Joyce T. Sweeney
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____

BY:

Wayne K. Curry
County Executive

KEY:

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.