

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2017 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-104-2017

Chapter No. 98

Proposed and Presented by Council Members Turner and Davis

Introduced by Council Members Turner, Davis, Lehman, Harrison and Taveras

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction October 17, 2017

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Businesses and Licenses – Public Dances – Banquet Halls and Catering Establishments

3 For the purpose of amending the County Code regulations and licensing requirements applicable
4 to banquet hall, catering establishment, and dance hall uses under certain specified circumstances
5 in furtherance of the public safety, health, and welfare of the citizens and residents of Prince
6 George’s County, Maryland.

7 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

8 SUBTITLE 5. BUSINESSES AND LICENSES.

9 Section 5-196.01,

10 The Prince George's County Code

11 (2015 Edition; 2016 Supplement).

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
13 Maryland, that Section 5-196.01 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby
14 repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

15 **SUBTITLE 5. BUSINESSES AND LICENSES.**

16 **DIVISION 14. PUBLIC DANCES.**

17 **Sec. 5-196.01. Legislative intent.**

18 (a) The purpose and intent of this legislation is to regulate dance hall premises, licensee,
19 owner, lessor, operator, manager, promoter and patron by establishing license requirements and
20 penalties for violators by repealing and reenacting with amendments relevant provisions of the
21 County Code to establish reasonable and uniform laws to promote the health, safety, and welfare

1 of the citizens and residents of the County and to prevent or control detrimental effects upon
2 neighboring properties and existing and proposed land uses in the general area.

3 (b) The provisions of this law are in response to violent crimes taking place in or in close
4 proximity to adult dance halls or teen dance halls throughout the County.

5 (c) The provisions of the Prince George's County Code have neither the purpose nor
6 effect of imposing a limitation or restriction on legal conduct. Banquet hall and catering
7 establishment business uses that were: (1) validly operating as of June 1, 2017; (2) is located on
8 a site with a total land area of at least eight (8) acres and is split-zoned with a partial zoning
9 classification within the C-M (Commercial Miscellaneous) Zone, or IS LOCATED on property
10 consisting of at least fifty (50) acres in the R-A (Residential Agricultural) Zone where the use
11 was developed as part of a phased, planned development of a religious institution campus; and
12 (3) with a valid, current Class B ("BCE") license issued by the Board of License Commissioners
13 for Prince George's County pursuant to Title 26 of the Alcoholic Beverages Article, Annotated
14 Code of Maryland, shall be exempt from the licensing requirements set forth in this Division.

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16 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby
17 declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph,
18 sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of
19 competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining
20 words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this
21 Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such
22 invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection,
23 or section.

1 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45)
2 calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this 14th day of November, 2017.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Derrick Leon Davis
Chairman

ATTEST:

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.