

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2026 Legislative Session**

Bill No. CB-012-2026

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

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Fisher

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

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

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

**BILL**

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Motor Vehicle Takeovers and Unlawful Speed Contests

3 For the purpose of prohibiting unlawful speed contests or race contests consistent with State law;  
4 establishing the offense of organizing or participating in a motor vehicle takeover event;  
5 prohibiting knowingly attending a motor vehicle takeover event; providing definitions;  
6 establishing penalties; and generally relating to public safety and unlawful vehicle exhibitions  
7 within Prince George's County.

8 BY adding

9 SUBTITLE 26. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC.

10 Sections 26-104.01 and 26-104.02

11 The Prince George's County Code

12 (2023 Edition; 2025 Supplement).

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,  
14 Maryland, that Sections 26-104.01 and 26-104.02 of the Prince George's County Code be and the  
15 same are hereby added:

16 SUBTITLE 26. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC.

17 DIVISION 1. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.

18 **Sec. 26-104.01. Motor Racing, Drag Racing, or Car Takeovers; Prohibited.**

19 (a) **Definitions.** In this section, the following words mean:

20 (1) **Highway** means the entire width between the boundary lines of any way or  
21 thoroughfare of which any part is used by the public for vehicular travel, whether or not the way

1 or thoroughfare has been dedicated to the public and accepted by any proper authority.

2 (2) **Private Property** means property owned by a private entity that is open to or used  
3 by members of the public generally, whether or not a fee is charged, including things such as  
4 parking lots serving industries like retail, commercial, entertainment, or other such uses.

5 (3) **Unlawful Race or Speed Contest** means any race, speed contest, acceleration  
6 contest, or competitive exhibition of speed or acceleration involving one or more motor  
7 vehicles.

8 (4) **Car Takeover** means a coordinated gathering of motor vehicles and persons that  
9 results in the intentional disruption of public vehicle movement or public safety within the  
10 County, such as vehicles performing burnouts, drifting, spinning, donuts, acceleration  
11 exhibitions, or other similar maneuvers that create a substantial risk of injury.

12 (5) **Lawful Order to Disperse** means an order issued by a law enforcement officer  
13 directing people to leave a defined area because the officer has reasonable grounds to believe an  
14 unlawful race or a car takeover is occurring or about to occur.

15 (6) **Knowingly** means actual knowledge or knowledge inferred from reasonable  
16 circumstances.

17 (b) **Prohibited Conduct.**

18 (1) Except as authorized under section 5-185, no person may engage in an unlawful  
19 race, speed contest, or car takeover on any highway or private property.

20 (2) Except as authorized under section 5-185, no person may participate as a  
21 timekeeper, flagger, or starter in an unlawful race, speed contest, or car takeover on any highway  
22 or private property.

23 (c) **Penalties.**

24 (1) A person found in violation of section 26-104.01(b) shall be guilty of a  
25 misdemeanor and, upon conviction, subject to imprisonment not to exceed sixty (60) days and up  
26 to a one thousand (\$1,000) dollar fine.

27 (2) A person found in violation of section 26-104.01(b) that results in serious bodily  
28 injury to another person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, subject to  
29 imprisonment not to exceed twelve (12) months and up to a one thousand (\$1000) dollar fine.

**SUBTITLE 26. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC.**

**DIVISION 1. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.**

**Sec 26-104.02. Attendance at Motor Racing, Drag Racing, or Car Takeovers; Prohibited.**

(a) **Definitions.** In this section, the definitions prescribed in Section 26-104.01 shall have the same meaning.

**(b) Prohibited Conduct.**

(1) Except as authorized under section 5-185, no person shall knowingly attend an unlawful race, speed contest, or car takeover.

(2) Except as authorized under section 5-185, no person shall organize an unlawful race, speed contest, or car takeover.

(3) No person shall knowingly remain in a defined area after a lawful order to disperse has been issued by a law enforcement official.

**(c) Penalties.**

(1) A person found in violation of section 26-104.02(b) shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, subject to imprisonment not to exceed sixty (60) days and up to a one thousand (\$1,000) dollar fine.

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

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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Chair

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Donna J. Brown  
Clerk of the Council

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DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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.

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