

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

## COMMITTEE REPORT

2024 Legislative Session

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**Reference No.:** CB-86-2024

**Draft No.:** 1

**Committee:** GAFP

**Date:** October 21, 2024

**Action:** FAV (A)

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**REPORT:** Committee Vote: Favorable 5-0 (Council Members Watson, Harrison, Dernoga, Franklin, Oriadha)

The Prince George's County Council's Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee convened on October 21, 2024, to consider **CB-086-2024**, draft 2A, an act concerning **Abandoned Vehicles**. The act provides for the prohibition of abandoning vehicles within the County under certain circumstances, certain increased fines, certain increased penalties, and general towing of abandoned vehicles. The Bill was presented on September 17, 2024, and held in committee on September 26, 2024, for discussions with additional agencies.

If enacted, CB-86 would prohibit vehicle abandonment within the County and increase fines and penalties for those who do so. In addition, if a tow company is involved in vehicle abandonment, it would risk losing its license to do business. The fines would increase from \$50 to \$500 for abandonment and from \$1000 to \$5000 for towing license violations.

During the September 26, 2024, GAFP meeting, legislative attorney Kathy Canning described a clarifying amendment in draft 2A that adds the Department of Environment to specify where the authority lies.

During the October 21, 2024, meeting, Council member Dernoga noted that a productive meeting had been held with stakeholders and that the County should increase the fines and continue working on the other elements of the Bill at this time.

Ms. Sakinda Skinner, representing the Office of the County Executive, expressed support for the legislation as amended.

The Office of Law finds CB-86-2024 to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its enactment.

After discussion, the Prince George's County Council, Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee, reported CB-86-2024 favorably, 5-0, as amended.