



Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 11/14/2023

Effective Date: 1/29/2024

Reference No.: CB-097-2023

Chapter Number: 73

Draft No.: 1

Public Hearing Date: 11/14/2023 @ 1:00 PM

Proposer(s): Burroughs, Oriadha, Hawkins, Blegay and Watson

Sponsor(s): Burroughs, Oriadha, Hawkins, Blegay, Watson, Ivey, Dernoga, Fisher, Olson and Franklin

Item Title: AN ACT CONCERNING RETURNING CITIZENS FAIR CHANCE TO HOUSING for the purpose of alleviating housing discrimination suffered by returning citizens and those with criminal convictions is their quest for adequate and suitable housing by prohibiting landlords from making inquiries into a prospective tenant's criminal history.

Drafter: Jibril Brown

Resource Personnel: Déjah Désirée Williams, Chief of Staff, Council District 8

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
10/03/2023	County Council	rules suspended	
	<p>Action Text: A motion was made by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Oriadha, that the rules be suspended for this Council Bill. The motion carried by the following vote:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Aye: 11 Hawkins, Harrison, Blegay, Dernoga, Watson, Olson, Fisher, Burroughs, Ivey, Oriadha and Franklin</p>		
10/03/2023	County Council	presented and referred	PHED
	<p>Action Text: This Council Bill was presented by Council Members Burroughs, Oriadha, Hawkins and Blegay and referred to the Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee.</p>		
10/16/2023	PHED	Favorably recommended	County Council
	<p>Action Text: A motion was made by Council Member Blegay, seconded by Council Member Dernoga, that this Council Bill be Favorably recommended to the County Council. The motion carried by the following vote:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Aye: 4 Ivey, Olson, Blegay and Dernoga</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Absent: 1 Oriadha</p>		

10/17/2023 County Council introduced

Action Text:

This Council Bill was introduced by Council Members Burroughs, Oriadha, Hawkins, Blegay, Watson, Ivey, Dernoga, Fisher, Olson and Franklin.

11/14/2023 County Council public hearing held

Action Text:

The public hearing for this Council Bill was held.

11/14/2023 County Council enacted

Action Text:

A motion was made by Council Member Burroughs, seconded by Council Member Hawkins, that this Council Bill be enacted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 Hawkins, Blegay, Dernoga, Watson, Olson, Fisher, Burroughs, Ivey, Oriadha and Franklin

Absent: 1 Harrison

12/14/2023 County Executive signed

Action Text:

This Council Bill was signed

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

13-150

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

The County Council finds that the County's returning citizens and those with criminal convictions have been and continue to be subjected to discrimination in their quest for adequate housing and that the subject discrimination creates a hindrance to those citizens meaningful participation in society. This bill will help elevate some of discrimination the County's returning citizens face in their quest for adequate housing.

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