

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2024 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-030-2024

Chapter No. _____

Proposed and Presented by Council Members Oriadha and Hawkins

Introduced by Council Members Oriadha, Hawkins, Blegay, Olson, Dernoga and
Burroughs

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction October 22, 2024

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Untraceable Firearms and Minors

3 For the purpose of prohibiting the transfer of untraceable firearms to minors; and increasing the
4 maximum penalty for each violation; and other general provisions related to untraceable
5 firearms.

6 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

7 SUBTITLE 14. MORALS AND CONDUCT.

8 Sections 14-140 and 14-141

9 The Prince George's County Code

10 (2023 Edition).

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
12 Maryland, that Sections 14-140 and 14-141 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same
13 are hereby repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

14 **SUBTITLE 14. MORALS AND CONDUCT.**

15 **DIVISION 6. WEAPONS.**

16 **Sec. 14-140. Loaded weapons prohibited; exceptions.**

17 (a) **Prohibited.** No person shall discharge or have in [his] their possession, while loaded,
18 any firearm, rifle, shotgun, revolver, pistol, air gun, air rifle, or any similar mechanism known by
19 whatever name [know], which is designed to expel a projectile through a gun barrel by the action
20 of any explosive, gas, compressed air, spring or elastic, within one thousand feet (1,000') of any

1 home or residence, other than [his] their own, or any school or school grounds (private or
2 public), church or church grounds, places of public assembly, public parks and playgrounds
3 within the County, whether the weapon is loaded with blank or live cartridges or projectiles of
4 any kind.

5 (b) **Exceptions.** This Section shall not prohibit the owner or tenant of any land from
6 discharging such described weapons on [his] their land for the purpose of the protection of [his]
7 their own property or the life of [himself] themselves or [his] their family, or killing predatory
8 animals which prey upon, damage or destroy [his] their property, livestock or crops.

9 **Sec. 14-141. - Transfer of weapon to minor prohibited; penalty. [exceptions.]**

10 (a) No person shall give, sell, rent, lend or otherwise transfer any gun or weapon described
11 in Section 14-140 or additive manufacturing technology, designed to use, create, or manufacture
12 an untraceable firearm, explosive ammunition or any projectile therefor, within the County to a
13 minor under the age of seventeen (17) years, except where the relationship of parent and child,
14 guardian and ward or adult instructor and pupil exists between such person and the minor.

15 (b) “Additive manufacturing” in Subsection (a) refers to a computer-controlled process that
16 creates three dimensional objects from a digital file by depositing materials one layer at a time,
17 also known as 3-D printing.

18 (c) “Untraceable firearm” in Subsection (a), commonly referred to as a “ghost gun”, has
19 the meaning stated in Section 5-701(h) of the Public Safety Article of the Annotated Code of
20 Maryland.

21 (d) [This Section shall not apply to any regulated firearms regulated by Sections 441 to
22 448, Article 27, Annotated Code of Maryland, 1957.] Any person convicted of a violation of
23 this Section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by the maximum fine
24 permitted under State law; or by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months; or both.

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

1 | invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection,
2 | or section.

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

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2024.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Jolene Ivey
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Angela D. Alsobrooks
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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