

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2012 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-86-2012

Chapter No. _____

Proposed and Presented by Council Members Olson and Lehman

Introduced by _____

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction _____

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Lodging Establishments - Business Regulation

3 For the purpose of providing the legislative intent of the bill; requiring lodging establishments to
4 have standard, posted check-in and check-out times; requiring certain identification of a
5 registered guest; and generally relating to lodging establishment regulation.

6 BY adding:

7 SUBTITLE 5. BUSINESSES AND LICENSES.

8 Sections 5-172, 5-173, 5-174, and 5-175,

9 The Prince George's County Code

10 (2011 Edition).

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
12 Maryland, that Sections 5-172, 5-173, 5-174, and 5-175 of the Prince George's County Code be
13 and the same are hereby added with the following amendments:

14 SUBTITLE 5. BUSINESSES AND LICENSES.

15 **DIVISION 7. HOTELS AND ROOMING HOUSES.**

16 **Sec. 5-172. Legislative Intent.**

17 (a) The purpose and intent of this legislation is to decrease the crime of prostitution by
18 enhancing lodging establishment rental practices. This legislation will establish reasonable and
19 uniform laws to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens and residents of the
20 County, which are in response to the occurrence of prostitution in the County.

21 **Sec. 5-173. Definitions.**

1 (a) The following words, as used in this Division, shall for the purpose of this Division,
2 have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this Section:

3 (1) **Lodging Establishment** shall mean an inn, hotel, motel, rooming house, tourist
4 home, tourist cabin park, or other establishment that has at least four rooms
5 available for a fee to transient guests for lodging or sleeping purposes.

6 (2) **Innkeeper** shall mean the owner, operator, manager, or keeper of a lodging
7 establishment, or the agent of an owner, operator, manager, or keeper of a lodging
8 establishment.

9 **Sec. 5-174. Room rental.**

10 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 5-168, 5-169, 5-170, 5-171 of this Code,
11 lodging establishments shall be subject to the following:

12 (1) There shall be standard posted check-in and check-out times and rooms can only be
13 rented by the day, and not by the hour; and

14 (2) The same room cannot be rented more than one time per day.

15 **Sec. 5-175. Registration.**

16 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 5-168, 5-169, 5-170, 5-171 of this Code,
17 lodging establishments shall be subject to the following:

18 (b) An innkeeper shall require each guest or guests responsible for the room to register and
19 shall require the guest or guests responsible for the room to produce:

20 (1) a valid driver's license;

21 (2) a valid military identification card;

22 (3) a valid passport; or

23 (4) any valid government issued identification card.

24 (c) A copy of the identification required pursuant to this Section shall be kept on file for
25 forty-eight hours.

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, subparagraph, subsection, or section.

2 | SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect on forty-five (45)

3 | calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2012.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Andrea C. Harrison
Chair

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.