

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2015 Legislative Session

Reference No.:	CB-44-2015
Draft No.:	2
Committee:	PUBLIC SAFETY AND FISCAL MANAGEMENT
Date:	October 1, 2015
Action:	Favorable/As Amended

REPORT: Committee Vote: **Favorable with Amendments**, 3-1-1 (In favor: Council Members Lehman, Taveras and Turner, Oppose: Council Member Harrison, Abstain: Council Member Patterson)

CB-44-2015 amends the Prince George's County Code to revise the penalty for the consumption of and possession of alcoholic beverages in public. Draft 2 of the proposed bill includes an enhanced penalty based on the offense and the number of offenses. The penalties include a fine, referral to alcohol abuse treatment and community service. Failure to comply with community service penalties could result in imprisonment. The police shall maintain a list of all violations and provide a report to the Council upon request.

Chief Scott of the Mt. Rainer Police Department spoke in favor of the Bill and the Police Chiefs' Association of Prince George's submitted testimony in favor of the Bill.

The Office of Law has reviewed this legislation and finds it to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its enactment.

The Office of Audits and Investigations reports that enactment of CB-44-2015 may have an adverse impact on the County related to the potential increase in the resources needed to provide temporary shelter, food and supplies for those sentenced to imprisonment.

After considerable discussion the PSFM committee voted 3-1-1 favorably as amended on the bill.