



# THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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**Chairman**

**Mel Franklin**

Councilman District 9

March 5, 2015

The Hon. Douglas J.J. Peters, Chair  
Prince George's County Senate Delegation  
James Senate Office Building, Room 120  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

The Hon. Jay Walker, Chair  
Prince George's County House Delegation  
Lowe House Office Building, Room 207E  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

**Re: Prince George's County Delegation Bill Position**

Dear Senator Peters & Delegate Walker:

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Prince George's County Council, to transmit our position on pending proposed State legislation for the 2015 General Assembly Session. The Council met on March 3, 2015. The enclosed report reflects our position on General Assembly bills as they are currently drafted.

The Council appreciates the opportunity to work together with you and your colleagues to address issues important to our citizens and the operation of Prince George's County. Should you have any questions or need additional information please do not hesitate to contact me. For your convenience my office phone number is (301) 952-3820. Thanks again, for favorable consideration of the Council's position.

Sincerely,

Mel Franklin  
Chair

Attachments

cc: Senator Bobby A. Zirkin, Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee  
Delegate Joseph F. Vallario, Chair, Judiciary Committee  
Hon. Rushern L. Baker, III, County Executive  
Ms. Lisa L. Jackson, Director, Intergovernmental Affairs

## **RULES & GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Prince George's County Council met on March 3, 2015 with the following Members present:

Council Member Mel Franklin, Chair  
Council Member Derrick L. Davis, Vice Chair  
Council Member Todd M. Turner  
Council Member Andrea C. Harrison  
Council Member Mary A. Lehman  
Council Member Deni Taveras  
Council Member Obie Patterson  
Council Member Dannielle M. Glaros  
Council Member Karen R. Toles

The Council voted for the following positions on these respective bills:



### **BILL CONSIDERATION**

1. **PG 425-15**  
**HB 1177**                      **County Affairs**  
Prince George's County – Tax Sales – Limited Auction for County Employees – **SUPPORT W/AMENDMENT**
2. **PG 322-15**  
**HB 970**                      **Law Enforcement**  
Prince George's County – Transfer Tax – Deputy Sheriffs – **SUPPORT**
3. **HB 244**                      **Statewide**  
Maryland Second Chance Act of 2015 – **SUPPORT**
4. **SB 651**                      Criminal Procedure – Expungement – Conviction of a Crime That Is No Longer a Crime – **SUPPORT**



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## POSITION STATEMENT

**PG 425-15**  
(Del. Angel)

Prince George's County – Tax Sales – Limited Auction for  
County Employees

## POSITION:      SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT

This bill requires the tax collector in Prince George's County to conduct a specified limited auction prior to conducting a public auction for property subject to tax liens; specifying the individuals who may participate in a limited auction; requiring specified individuals authorized to place bids at the limited auction to be residents of Prince George's County; and, requiring the tax collector to include the date, time, and location of a limited auction in specified notices.

The County Council has been provided with potential amendments that would restrict the limited tax auction to include all employees in the Prince George's County Public School System; Prince George's County Police Department; Prince George's County Fire Department; Prince George's County Department of Corrections; and, Office of the Sheriff for Prince George's County. The Council supports these changes and offers an amendment that would require the purchaser of the limited tax auction property to occupy the property as their primary residence

The Prince George's County Council supports this bill with the potential amendments we have been provided, and the amendment that we offer requiring that the property be occupied as the purchaser's primary residence. Therefore, the County Council recommended a position of SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT on PG 425-15 only with the potential and proposed amendments outlined above and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of its position.

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On behalf of the Prince George's County Council  
March 5, 2015