

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2000 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-78-2000
 Chapter No. 66
 Proposed and Presented by Council Member Estep
 Introduced by Council Member Estep
 Co-Sponsors _____
 Date of Introduction September 26, 2000

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Animals in Public Buildings

3 For the purpose of prohibiting the introduction and presence of certain animals in public
 4 buildings under certain circumstances.

5 BY adding:

6 SUBTITLE 14. MORALS AND CONDUCT.

7 Section 14-139.04,

8 The Prince George's County Code

9 (1999 Edition).

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
 11 Maryland, that Section 14-139.04 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby
 12 added:

13 SUBTITLE 14. MORALS AND CONDUCT.

14 DIVISION 5. OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC SAFETY AND MORALS.

15 **Sec. 14-139.04. Animals in public buildings.**

16 (a) In this Section the term "public building" means any building and its associated
 17 grounds and parking area located on land owned, leased, or operated by the County and
 18 authorities created by the County, excluding public housing sites.

19 (b) A person may not bring or maintain an animal, as defined in Subtitle 3 of this Code, in
 20 a public building unless the animal is securely contained within an enclosure designed for the
 21 transportation of such animals.

1 (c) The head of any County agency or department having management or control over a
2 public building may permit animals on a lead and under the control of a person physically able of
3 restraining the animal in public building if the public official has determined that the presence of
4 an animal is appropriate for educational or recognition purposes and that the presence of the
5 animal will not be offensive to the occupants of the public building and the general public.

6 (d) This Section does not apply to animals trained to assist persons with disabilities when
7 in the company of such persons.

8 (e) This Section shall not apply to animals trained to perform or assist in public safety
9 and/or emergency rescue operations while employed in this capacity, including rescue, criminal
10 search and seizure, arson, and bomb and drug sniffing.

11 (f) Any person who violates the provisions of this Section shall be guilty of a
12 misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$100.

13 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45)
14 calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this 17th day of October, 2000.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Dorothy F. Bailey
Chair

ATTEST:

Joyce T. Sweeney
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Wayne K. Curry
County Executive

KEY:
Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.