

Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 5/13/2014
Reference No.: CB-025-2014
Draft No.: 1
Proposer(s): County Executive
Sponsor(s):
Item Title: An Act amending the County's secondhand personal property and pawn dealers law to prohibit the use of automated purchasing machines (also known as "reverse vending machines")

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Resource Personnel: Major Jason Johnson, Police Department
Captian Charles Hamby, Police Department

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented: 5/13/2014
Committee Referral: 5/13/2014 - PSFM
Executive Action:
Effective Date:

Committee Action:

Date Introduced:

Public Hearing:

Council Action:

Council Votes:

Pass/Fail:

Remarks: WITHDRAWN ON 6/2/2014

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

05-233, 05-236.01

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

An automated purchasing machine (APM) is a self-service kiosk that dispenses payment, typically in cash, for cell phones or other electronic devices. Such transactions are currently covered under the County's Secondhand Personal Property and Pawn Dealers law, Subtitle 5 Division 19 of the Code, but the existing law does not directly address the use of APMs. This year's Maryland General Assembly passed HB 918, which gives counties the authority to prohibit the operation of APMs within their respective counties. Baltimore City, Baltimore County and Montgomery County have recently enacted local laws prohibiting the use of APMs out of concern that APMs provide a convenient opportunity for cell phones thieves to convert stolen goods to cash without human interaction, thereby encouraging such thefts.

ON 6/2/2014 CB-25-2014 WAS WITHDRAWN BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE.

CODE INDEX TOPICS:

INCLUSION FILES:
