

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2026 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-012-2026

Chapter No. 14

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Fisher

Introduced by Council Members Fisher, Oriadha, Hunter, Olson, Blegay, Dernoga, Harrison, Adams, Adams-Stafford and Ivey

Co-Sponsors Council Member Burroughs

Date of Introduction March 31, 2026

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Motor Vehicle Takeovers and Unlawful Speed Contests

3 For the purpose of prohibiting unlawful speed contests, exhibition driving, stunt driving or race  
4 contests consistent with State law; establishing the offense of organizing or participating in a  
5 motor vehicle takeover event; prohibiting-attending a motor vehicle takeover event; providing  
6 definitions; establishing penalties; and generally relating to public safety and unlawful vehicle  
7 exhibitions within Prince George's County.

8 BY adding

9 SUBTITLE 26. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC.  
10 Sections 26-104.01 and 26-104.02  
11 The Prince George's County Code  
12 (2023 Edition; 2025 Supplement).

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,  
14 Maryland, that Sections 26-104.01 and 26-104.02 of the Prince George's County Code be and the  
15 same are hereby added:

16 SUBTITLE 26. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC.

17 DIVISION 1. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.

18 **Sec. 26-104.01. Motor Racing, Drag Racing, or Car Takeovers; Prohibited.**

19 (a) Definitions. In this section, the following words mean:

20 (1) Highway means the entire width between the boundary lines of any way or

1 thoroughfare of which any part is used by the public for vehicular travel, whether or not the way  
 2 or thoroughfare has been dedicated to the public and accepted by any proper authority.

3 (2) Private Property means property owned by a private entity that is open to or used  
 4 by members of the public generally, whether or not a fee is charged, including things such as  
 5 parking lots serving industries like retail, commercial, entertainment, or other such uses.

6 (3) Unlawful Race or Speed Contest means any race, speed contest, acceleration  
 7 contest, or competitive exhibition of speed or acceleration involving one or more motor  
 8 vehicles.

9 (4) Stunt Driving means any motor vehicle performing or engaging in burnouts,  
 10 doughnuts, drifting, or wheelies, or allowing a passenger to ride either partially or fully outside  
 11 the vehicle while operating that vehicle.

12 (5) Car Takeover means a coordinated gathering of motor vehicles and persons  
 13 that results in the intentional disruption of public vehicle movement or public safety within the  
 14 County, such as vehicles performing burnouts, drifting, spinning, donuts, acceleration  
 15 exhibitions, or other similar maneuvers that create a substantial risk of injury. This includes  
 16 motor vehicles such as ATVs, dirt bikes, or motorcycles on any county highway or private  
 17 property without the owner's consent.

18 (6) Exhibition Driving means the operation of a vehicle in a manner that results in one  
 19 or more of the following:

20 (A) the excessive, abrupt acceleration or deceleration of the motor vehicle;

21 (B) the skidding, squealing, burning, or smoking of the tires of the motor vehicle;

22 (C) the swerving or swaying of the motor vehicle from side to side while  
 23 skidding;

24 (D) the engine of the motor vehicle producing an unreasonably loud, raucous, or  
 25 disturbing noise;

26 (E) the grinding of the gears of the motor vehicle or the backfiring of the engine  
 27 of the motor vehicle;

28 (F) transportation of a passenger on or in the area of a motor vehicle that is not  
 29 designed or intended for passenger transport, such as the hood or roof.

30 (7) Lawful Order to Disperse means an order issued by a law enforcement officer  
 31 directing people to leave a defined area because the officer has reasonable grounds to believe an

1 unlawful race or a car takeover is occurring or about to occur.

2 (8) Participant means any person, in or outside a vehicle, who purposefully slows,  
 3 stops, or impedes, or attempts to slow, stop or impede, the movement of traffic, including  
 4 pedestrian traffic, for the purpose of a speed contest, stunt driving, exhibition driving, or car  
 5 takeover. This shall also include any person who aids, abets, promotes, organizes, or attends a  
 6 speed contest, stunt driving, exhibition driving, or car takeover.

7 (9) Motor Vehicle means a vehicle that is self-propelled or propelled by electric power  
 8 obtained from overhead electrical wires and is not operated on rails.

9 (A) For the purposes of this statute, such vehicles shall also include off-road  
 10 vehicles, including but are not limited to:

11 (i) two or four-wheel vehicles or ATVs;

12 (ii), motorcycles, mopeds, minibikes, dirt bikes, scooters;

13 (iii) any other means of land transportation deriving motor power from any  
 14 source other than muscle or wind.

15 **(b) Prohibited Conduct.**

16 (1) Except as authorized under section 5-185, no person may engage in an unlawful  
 17 race, stunt driving, exhibition driving, speed contest, or car takeover on any highway or private  
 18 property.

19 (2) Except as authorized under section 5-185, no person may participate as a  
 20 timekeeper, flagger, participant, or starter in an unlawful race, speed contest, or car takeover on  
 21 any highway or private property.

22 (3) Whenever a person is arrested or issued a citation for a violation of this section, the  
 23 issuing or arresting law enforcement agency may impound the vehicle used in the offense.

24 (A) A vehicle impounded pursuant to this section shall not be released unless all  
 25 of the following conditions are met:

26 (i) the claimant presents a valid driver's license or other photo identification,  
 27 proof of ownership or lawful authority to operate the motor vehicle, and proof of valid motor  
 28 vehicle insurance for that vehicle. if the vehicle will be driven out of impoundment, the claimant  
 29 must have a valid driver's license.

30 (ii) any other conditions for release established by the law-enforcement  
 31 agency have been met.



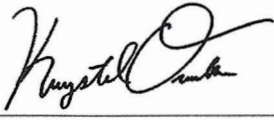
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2 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby  
3 declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph,  
4 sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of  
5 competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining  
6 words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this  
7 Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such  
8 invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection,  
9 or section.

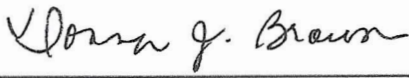
10 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect on forty-five (45)  
11 calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND


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Chair

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Clerk of the Council

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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.

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