

# Prince George's County Council

## Agenda Item Summary

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**Meeting Date:** 11/19/2014  
**Reference No.:** CB-082-2014  
**Draft No.:** 2  
**Proposer(s):** Olson, Toles  
**Sponsor(s):** Olson, Toles, Lehman, Franklin, Patterson  
**Item Title:** An Act concerning the Nuisance Abatement Board for the purpose of amending the provisions concerning the administration and functions of the Prince George's County Nuisance Abatement Board.

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**Drafter:** John Gwynn/Todd M. Turner, Office of Law/Legislative Officer  
**Resource Personnel:** Dannielle Glaros, Legislative Aide District 3

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### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

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| <b>Date Presented:</b>     | 9/23/2014        | <b>Executive Action:</b> | 12/4/2014 S |
| <b>Committee Referral:</b> | 9/23/2014 - PSFM | <b>Effective Date:</b>   | 1/20/2015   |

**Committee Action:** 10/9/2014 - FAV(A)

**Date Introduced:** 10/21/2014  
**Public Hearing:** 11/19/2014 - 10:00 AM

**Council Action (1)** 11/19/2014 - ENACTED  
**Council Votes:** WC:A, DLD:A, MRF:A, AH:A, ML:A, EO:A, OP:A, IT:A, KT:A  
**Pass/Fail:** P  
**Remarks:**

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### AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

14-171, 14-172, 14-173, 14-174

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### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### Public Safety and Fiscal Management

**Date 10/9/2014**

REPORT Favorable with amendments, 5-0 (In favor: Council Members Davis, Lehman, Harrison, Toles and Turner)

CB-82-2014 seeks to amend County Code provisions concerning the administration and functions of the Prince George's County Nuisance Abatement Board, including definitions of nuisance, expanding entities that can bring public or neighborhood nuisance actions, hearing procedures by and organization of the Board. The Committee staff oriented the Committee to CB-82-2014, along with all legislative comments. The amendment on page 3, line 12 is reflected in Draft 2 of CB-82-2014.

Ms. Rene Battle-Brooks, Assistant State's Attorney, Prince George's State's Attorney Office, and Ms. Suellen Ferguson, Esq., Attorney for City of College Park testified in support of CB-82-2014. Ms. Lisa Miller, Prince George's Property Owners Association, raised several questions with the implementation of the Nuisance Abatement Board process.

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

enactment.

The Office of Audits & Investigations found that enactment of CB-82-2014 will not have any negative fiscal impact on the County.

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:**

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

The bill seeks to amend the County public nuisance provisions to clarify neighborhood nuisance provisions and the provisions concerning the administration and functions of the Prince George's County Nuisance Abatement Board for addressing acts that disturb the public peace.

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**CODE INDEX TOPICS:**

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**INCLUSION FILES:**

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