

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2024 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-010-2024

Chapter No.

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Oriadha

Introduced by Council Members Oriadha, Ivey, Watson, Olson, Fisher, Hawkins,

Dernoga and Burroughs

Co-Sponsors

Date of Introduction April 9, 2024

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Mental Health and Firearm Safety Literature

3 For the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to prepare and
4 distribute certain literature to establishments that sell firearms or ammunition; adding certain
5 display and distribution requirements for sellers of firearms or ammunition; authorizing
6 enforcement by the Department of Health and Human Services; making a civil violation for
7 noncompliance; and generally relating to public safety.

8 BY adding:

9 SUBTITLE 14. MORALS AND CONDUCT.

10 Sections 14-141.02 through 14-141.03.

11 The Prince George's County Code

12 (2019 Edition; 2022 Supplement).

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
14 Maryland, that Section 14-141.02 through 14-141.03 of the Prince George's County Code be and
15 the same are hereby added:

16 SUBTITLE 12. MORALS AND CONDUCT.

17 DIVISION 6. WEAPONS.

18 Sec. 14-141.02. Firearms, Ammunition, and Suicide Prevention Literature.

19 (a) The Department of Health and Human Services shall prepare and distribute to each gun
20 shop and firearm retailer, or any bona fide rifle, pistol, or skeet shooting range as defined

1 by Section 27-500 of the Zoning Ordinance and regulated pursuant to Subtitle 27 of the
2 Prince George’s County Code, in the County, literature regarding:

- 3 (1) gun and firearm safety,
- 4 (2) gun and firearm training,
- 5 (3) suicide prevention,
- 6 (4) mental health, and
- 7 (5) conflict resolution.

8 (b) Every licensed firearm dealer or shooting range permitted by law to sell, lease, or
9 otherwise transfer a firearm shall:

- 10 (1) post conspicuously within the premises where such transactions take place the
11 literature described in Subsection (a) above; and
- 12 (2) distribute the same to all individuals that purchase a firearm or ammunition.

13 **Sec. 14-141.03 Penalties.**

- 14 (a) Violation of the provisions in this Section is considered a civil violation and subject to a
15 civil fine not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100).
- 16 (b) Each day a licensed firearm dealer fails to display or each sale they fail distribute
17 literature of this Section is considered a separate and distinct violation subject to an
18 independent fine.

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

26 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall be known as the Grant
27 Coffield’s Law.

28 SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that a previously existing obligation or contract
29 right may not be impaired by this Act.

30 SECTION 5. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act
31 shall take effect on forty-five (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this 18th day of June, 2024.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Jolene Ivey
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Angela D. Alsobrooks
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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