

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
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Bill No. CB-15-2019

Chapter No. 20

Proposed and Presented by Council Members Taveras and Glaros

Introduced by Council Members Taveras, Glaros, Franklin, Ivey, Anderson-Walker,
Davis, Turner, Streeter, Dernoga, Harris & Hawkins

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BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Labor and Sex Trafficking and Victim Protection

3 For the purpose of including labor and sex trafficking references to accompany human
4 trafficking references throughout various provisions in the County Code.

5 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

6 SUBTITLE 5. BUSINESSES AND LICENSES.

7 Section 5-171.01

8 The Prince George's County Code

9 (2015 Edition; 2018 Supplement).

10 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

11 SUBTITLE 13. HOUSING AND PROPERTY STANDARDS.

12 Sections 13-162.00.02, 13-162.00.03 and 13-162.00.04

13 The Prince George's County Code

14 (2015 Edition; 2018 Supplement).

15 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

16 SUBTITLE 14. MORALS AND CONDUCT.

17 Sections 14-170, 14-171 AND 14-172

18 The Prince George's County Code

19 (2015 Edition; 2018 Supplement).

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
21 Maryland, that Section 5-171.01 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is

1 hereby repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

2 **SUBTITLE 5. BUSINESSES AND LICENSES.**

3 **DIVISION 7. HOTELS AND ROOMING HOUSES.**

4 **Sec. 5-171.01. Registration; Training; certification.**

5 (a) Any person who owns or operates a hotel, rooming house, tourist home, motel or
6 tourist cabin park within the County shall be required to provide training to employees on
7 how to identify human sex trafficking and human labor trafficking activities and human sex
8 trafficking and human labor trafficking victims.

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10 (d) Beginning on August 1, 2015, each new employee of a hotel, rooming house, tourist
11 home, motel, or tourist cabin park within the County shall complete a human trafficking
12 training program consisting of viewing a training video provided by the Human Relations
13 Commission in collaboration with the Prince George's County Police Department. Employees
14 hired prior to August 1, 2015 shall complete the human trafficking training in this subsection
15 by October 1, 2015. The same training requirements apply for human labor trafficking except
16 for the above-referenced dates in this subsection.

17 SECTION 2. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
18 Maryland, that Sections 13-162.00.02, 13-162.00.03 and 13-162.00.04 of the Prince George's
19 County Code be and the same are hereby repealed and reenacted with the following
20 amendments:

21 **SUBTITLE 13. HOUSING AND PROPERTY STANDARDS.**

22 **DIVISION 3. LANDLORD-TENANT REGULATIONS.**

23 **SUBDIVISION 2. LANDLORD-TENANT CODE.**

24 **Sec. 13-162.00.02. Use of apartment for prostitution including human sex trafficking**
25 **and human labor trafficking prohibited.**

26 (a) It shall be unlawful for any person, tenant, landlord, landlord agent, management staff
27 and/or property owner to knowingly sublease, assign, transfer possession, or permit use of an
28 apartment for the purposes of any violation of the Prostitution Laws, including human sex
29 trafficking and human labor trafficking laws of the State of Maryland and/or Prince George's

30 County. * * * * *

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1 **Sec. 13-162.00.03. Inquiries, complaints**

2 (a) Any inquiries and/or complaints regarding prostitution and/or human sex or human
3 labor trafficking to the Prince George's County 311 Call Center shall be directed to the
4 enforcing agencies of the County, including the Human Relations Commission.

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6 (c) The Human Relations Commission shall make available resources regarding
7 prostitution and/or human sex or human labor trafficking to property owners and landlords of
8 rental properties.

9 **Sec. 162.00.04. Human Sex and Human Labor Trafficking; Voluntary Registration,**
10 **Training, and Certification.**

11 (a) Any person who is a property owner, landlord, landlord agent, or management staff
12 that operates an apartment rental within the County shall be offered voluntary training for
13 management employees on how to identify human sex and human labor trafficking activities
14 and human sex and human labor trafficking victims.

15 (b) An owner and a manager of an apartment rental within the County may voluntarily
16 register for human sex and human labor trafficking training with the Human Relations
17 Commission. If an entity is owned by a corporation, the registered agent of the owner may
18 register with the Human Relations Commission.

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20 (d) The Human Relations Commission, in collaboration with the Prince George's County
21 Police Department, will provide voluntary training on human sex trafficking and human labor
22 trafficking consisting of training for management staff of an apartment rental within the County
23 at the cost of the participating apartment owners.

24 (e) Beginning on July 1, 2017, apartment rentals identified in Sec. 13-162.00.04(a), may
25 voluntarily biennially certify to the Human Relations Commission that management staff has
26 completed the voluntary training. The Human Relations Commission shall issue regulations
27 prescribing the process for biennial certification within sixty (60) days after the effective date of
28 this Act except for human labor trafficking, which certification process shall be completed at a
29 later date. The same training requirements apply for human labor trafficking except for the
30 above-referenced dates in this subsection.

31 SECTION 3. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,

1 Maryland, that Section 14-170, 14-171 AND 14-172 of the Prince George's County Code be
2 and the same are hereby repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

3 **SUBTITLE 14. MORALS AND CONDUCT.**

4 **DIVISION 14. NUISANCES.**

5 **Sec. 14-170. Legislative findings.**

6 (a) The County Council finds and declares that public nuisances exist in the County in
7 the continuing and recurrent use of certain commercial and certain residential premises in
8 violation of the laws relating to controlled dangerous substances, prostitution, human sex
9 trafficking, human labor trafficking, criminal gangs, storage of weapons, stolen property,
10 contraband or other evidence of criminal activity and other public nuisances and traditional
11 criminal remedies do not always abate these types of activities at these locations.

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13 **Sec. 14-171. Definitions.**

14 (a) As used in this Division:

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16 (7) **Public nuisance** shall mean any residential or commercial premises used:

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18 (I) By persons for activities involving human labor trafficking as defined in
19 Section 14-191(a)(7) of the County Code.

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21 **Sec. 14-172. Operation of a public or neighborhood nuisance prohibited; action to abate.**

22 (a) No person owning, operating, having charge or management of, a tenant living in or
23 occupant of any premises may cause or shall permit such premises to be used in violation of
24 County, State, or Federal laws governing controlled dangerous substances, prostitution,
25 human sex trafficking, human labor trafficking, criminal gangs, the storage or concealment of
26 illegal weapons, stolen property, contraband or other evidence of criminal activity at the
27 premises, or as a public or neighborhood nuisance.

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29 SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby
30 declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph,
31 subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or

1 unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality
2 shall not affect the remaining words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs,
3 subsections, or sections of this Act, since the same would have been enacted without the
4 incorporation in this Act of any such invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause,
5 sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection, or section.

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

Adopted this 10th day of September , 2019.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Todd M. Turner
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Acting 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.