



Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 11/19/2024

Effective Date: 2/3/2025

Reference No.: CB-076-2024

Chapter Number: 61

Draft No.: 1

Public Hearing Date: 11/19/2024 @ 10:00 AM

Proposer(s): County Executive

Sponsor(s): Harrison, Blegay, Burroughs, Hawkins, Oriadha, Dernoga, Fisher, Olson and Watson

Item Title: AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPARENCY IN LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCOUNTABILITY for the purpose of delineating the current practices and understandings utilized to implement Section 2-537 and to ensure a consistent interpretation and clarifying that the law applies to both on-duty and off-duty conduct, aligning with the law enforcement general order.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

| Date: | Acting Body: | Action: | Sent To: |
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| 09/10/2024 | County Council | presented and referred | HHSPS |
| | Action Text: This Council Bill was presented by the Chair by the request of the County Executive and referred to the Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee. | | |
| 10/03/2024 | HHSPS | Favorably recommended | County Council |
| | Action Text: A motion was made by Vice Chair Hawkins, seconded by Council Member Watson, that this Council Bill be Favorably recommended. The motion carried by the following vote: Aye: 5 Fisher, Hawkins, Blegay, Olson and Watson | | |
| 10/22/2024 | County Council | introduced | |
| | Action Text: This Council Bill was introduced by Council Members Harrison, Blegay, Burroughs, Hawkins, Oriadha, Dernoga, Fisher, Olson and Watson. | | |
| 11/19/2024 | County Council | public hearing held | |
| | Action Text: The public hearing for this Council Bill was held. | | |

11/19/2024 County Council enacted

Action Text:

A motion was made by Council Member Oriadha, seconded by Council Member Olson, that this Council Bill be enacted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 Ivey, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

Absent: 2 Harrison and Fisher

12/18/2024 County Executive signed

Action Text:

This Council Bill was signed

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

02-537

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

The proposed legislation clarifies that the scope of the law applies to both on and off-duty conduct, aligning with law enforcement general orders as long as the conduct is reasonably foreseeable within the scope of employment. Moreover, the legislation simplifies the original intent by focusing on civilian involvement rather than just civilian complaints.

Document(s): CB-076-2024 - signed, B2024076, CB-076-2024 Report, CB-076-2024 PAFI, CB-076-2024 Transmittal, CB-076-2024 OOL Comment