


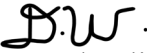


March 17, 2026

Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement

TO: Public Safety and Health and Human Services Committee

THRU: Lavinia Baxter 
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FROM: David Williams 
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RE: Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement
CB-012-2026 Motor Vehicle Takeovers and Unlawful Speed Contests

CB-12-2026: *(Proposed by: Council Member Fisher)*

Assigned to the Public Safety and Health, and Human Services Committee

AN ACT CONCERNING MOTOR VEHICLE TAKEOVERS AND UNLAWFUL SPEED CONTESTS for the purpose of prohibiting unlawful speed contests or race contests consistent with State law; establishing the offense of organizing or participating in a motor vehicle takeover event; prohibiting knowingly attending a motor vehicle takeover event; providing definitions; establishing penalties; and generally relating to public safety and unlawful vehicle exhibitions within Prince George's County.

Fiscal Summary

Direct Impact:

Expenditures: No additional expenditures anticipated.

Revenues: Potential increase in revenues.

Indirect Impact:

Potentially favorable.

Legislative Summary:

CB-012-2026¹ was presented on March 10th, 2026, and referred to the Public Safety, Health, and Human Services (PSHHS) Committee. This bill adds §26-104.01 and §26-104.02 under Subtitle 26. Division 1. Administrative Provisions. The bill provides definitions applicable to the prohibition of motor racing, drag racing, car takeovers, outlines prohibited conduct, and establishes specific penalties for the aforementioned activities. This legislation defines the following:

- Highway
- Private Property
- Unlawful Race or Speed Contest
- Car Takeover
- Lawful Order to Disperse
- Knowingly

If an individual is found in violation of any activity outlined in §26-104.01, they shall be subject to imprisonment not to exceed 60 days and up to a \$1,000 fine.

Current Law/Background:

CB-12-2026 amends Subtitle 26, Vehicles and Traffic, Division 1, Sections 26-104.01 and 26-104.02. It adds pertinent definitions for speed racing, drag racing, and street takeovers, articulates the prohibited activities, and outlines the penalties associated with unlawful conduct. The state equivalent of this bill is House Bill 601², “Street Racing and Exhibition Driving – Prohibition Acts, Enforcement, and Penalties”, signed into law by Governor Moore on May 9th, 2024. The bill establishes penalties for street racing and “exhibition driving,” colloquially known as street takeovers. HB 601 defines pertinent offenses and mandates the punishment of a maximum of 60 days imprisonment or a fine of up to \$1,000 or both for related vehicular violations that do not cause bodily harm. For related vehicular violations that do result in serious bodily injury to another person, as per the legislation, convicted persons will be subject to up to one year imprisonment or a fine of up to \$1,000 or both.

In July 2024, the Maryland State Police established the Car Rally Task Force, a multi-agency task force specifically tasked with the interdiction and prevention of street takeovers and illegal street races. By September of 2024, the Maryland State Police had successfully recovered 37 handguns, 13 stolen vehicles, made 61 arrests, and successfully thwarted 99 total takeovers.³ Since the pandemic, street takeovers and unsanctioned car races have become more prevalent in the County. Street takeovers have been reported to create a public nuisance, obstruct emergency

¹ Prince George’s County – [CB-012-2026](#)

² Maryland General Assembly- [HB601](#)

³ Gov 1- [Street takeovers continue to increase nationally](#)

lanes, violate fire safety protocols, and create an unsafe environment for both drivers and pedestrians.

Resource Personnel:

- Ramon Gonzalez, Legislative Attorney
 - Shanika Griffith, Chief of Staff, Council District 2
 - StacyAnn Llewellyn, Police Department Liaison
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Discussion/Policy Analysis:

This bill constitutes a local codification of existing state-level policy. This bill mirrors Maryland’s HB 601 bill, which creates clear definitions for street racing, car takeovers, specific locations where the conduct is frequent, and the penalties associated with prohibited conduct. These events normally take place in commercial areas frequented by the public for ease of attendance. Enforcement of proposed §26-104.02 may be complicated, as innocent bystanders attempting to patronize shops or traverse a commercial area for reasons not related to a motor race or takeover may find themselves erroneously subjected to police enforcement action. The addition of a local ordinance will likely reduce the occurrence of these prohibited actions as offenders will have to face state and now local penalties.

Residents of Prince George’s County have raised concerns about illegal motor races and street takeovers. They have noted that such events make the area unsafe for residents, violate local noise ordinances, and serve as a conduit for other forms of unlawful activity.

Fiscal Impact:

- *Direct Impact*

Enactment of CB-012-2026 will likely have little to no adverse fiscal impact on the County. This bill establishes local penalties for activities already classified as unlawful by the state. The implementation of this legislation can be performed within the current operating budget of the Police Department, as the Department has already developed identification and enforcement methodologies through its participation in the Maryland Car Rally Task Force. The County may also experience an increase in revenue through the issuance of fines and citations.

- *Indirect Impact*

Enactment of CB-021-2026 should have a favorable impact on the County through enhanced public safety in the form of safer traffic conditions, fewer public nuisances, and a lower probability of other unlawful conduct that may transpire at a motor race or street takeover.

- Appropriated in the Current Fiscal Year Budget

N/A.

Policy Implementation Resource/Project Timeline:

We anticipate that the Police Department will begin implementation and enforcement actions prescribed by this legislation as soon as it takes effect. The Police Department already coordinates with the State Police Department to interdict and prevent motor racing and street takeovers.

Effective Date of Proposed Legislation:

The proposed Bill shall be effective forty-five (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

If you require additional information or have questions about this fiscal impact statement, please reach out to me via phone or email.