

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Bill No. CB-62-1999

Chapter No. 51

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Shapiro

Introduced by Council Member Shapiro

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction October 19, 1999

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Registration of Criminal Offenders

3 For the purpose of requiring confining authorities and criminal offenders under active
4 supervision by a confining authority residing in the County to register with the Chief of Police.

5 BY adding:

6 SUBTITLE 14. MORALS AND CONDUCT.

7 Sections 14-143, 14-144, and 14-145,

8 The Prince George's County Code

9 (1995 Edition, 1998 Supplement).

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
11 Maryland, that Sections 14-143, 14-144, and 14-145 of the Prince George's County Code be and
12 the same are hereby added:

13 SUBTITLE 14. MORALS AND CONDUCT.

14 **DIVISION 7. CRIMINAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION.**

15 **Sec. 14-143. Definitions.**

16 For purposes of this Division, the following words and phrases shall mean:

17 (a) **Confining authority** means any private entity doing business in the County that has
18 been ordered or directed by a court to retain residential custody of an offender as a result of the
19 conviction of the offender.

1 (b) **Convicted** includes a probation before judgement and a finding of not criminally
 2 responsible for an offense or any other court disposition from any jurisdiction which requires
 3 residential custody.

4 (c) **Offender** means an adult who has been convicted of a crime or a juvenile who has
 5 been adjudicated as a delinquent child and who has been remanded to the custody of a confining
 6 authority.

7 (d) **Chief of Police** means the Chief of Police for the Prince George's County Police
 8 Department or designee.

9 **Sec. 14-144. Registration.**

10 (a) An offender who is placed under the custody of a confining authority within the
 11 County shall register with the Chief of Police, in a manner directed by the Chief of Police, within
 12 five business days of the offender's placement. If an offender is released into the custody of a
 13 confining authority which is located within a municipality having its own police department, the
 14 Chief of Police shall provide a copy of the registration to the municipality's chief of police
 15 within five business days of receipt of information from the offender.

16 (b) A confining authority located within the County shall register each offender received
 17 into custody with the Chief of Police, in a manner directed by the Chief of Police, within five
 18 business days of receiving custody of an offender. If the confining authority is located within a
 19 municipality having its own police department, the Chief of Police shall notify the municipality's
 20 chief of police within five business days of receipt of information from the offender.

21 (c) Registration of an offender shall include the identification of the offender, the
 22 offender's place of residence while in the custody of the confining authority, the offender's
 23 criminal record information, and such other information as required by the Chief of Police. The
 24 Chief of Police shall not distribute or disclose any of the information provided in the registration
 25 except for a legitimate law enforcement purpose.

26 (d) The confining authority shall provide each offender with the required registration form
 27 in a format approved by the Chief of Police so as to comply with the provisions of this Division.

28 (e) The confining authority shall provide to the Chief of Police the location of all facilities
 29 located within the County used for the purpose of housing offenders.

30 (f) Nothing herein is intended to require registration of individuals placed in home
 31 detention programs.

1 (g) The confining authority shall inform the Chief of Police of a registered offender's
2 release from custody, in a manner directed by the Chief of Police, within thirty days of the day
3 the registered offender was released from the custody of the confining authority.

4 (h) The Chief of Police shall, within thirty days of being informed of a registered
5 offender's release from a confining authority, destroy all registration information relating to the
6 released offender.

7 **Sec. 14-145. Penalty.**

8 Any person who violates any provision of this Division shall be deemed guilty of a
9 misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be subject to a fine not exceeding One Thousand
10 Dollars (\$1,000) or imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both such fine and imprisonment.

11 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45)
12 calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this 9th day of November, 1999.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
M. H. Jim Estepp
Chairman

ATTEST:

Joyce T. Sweeney
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Wayne K. Curry
County Executive

KEY:
Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.