

Prince George's County Council Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 11/17/2015
Reference No.: CB-085-2015
Draft No.: 2
Proposer(s): Franklin, Taveras
Sponsor(s): Franklin, Taveras, Turner, Harrison, Davis, Glaros, Patterson
Item Title: An Act concerning Illegal Rental Property for the purpose prohibiting a new owner from operating a property without a valid license; providing for a penalty for rental property owners who operate property without a valid license, and generally relating to rental property licensing.

Drafter: Kathleen H. Canning, Legislative Officer
Resource Personnel: Brendon L. Laster, Chief of Staff

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented:	9/22/2015	Executive Action:	11/25/2015 S
Committee Referral:	9/22/2015 - THE	Effective Date:	1/11/2016

Committee Action: 10/15/2015 - FAV(A)

Date Introduced: 10/20/2015
Public Hearing: 11/17/2015 - 10:00 AM

Council Action (1) 11/17/2015 - ENACTED
Council Votes: DLD:A, MRF:A, DG:A, AH:A, ML:A, OP:A, DT:A, KT:A, TT:A
Pass/Fail: P
Remarks:

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

13-186

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Transportation, Housing and Environment

Date 10/15/2015

Committee Vote: Favorable with Amendments, 5-0 (In favor: Council Members Lehman, Turner, Taveras, Franklin and Glaros)

Staff provided a summary of the resolution and referral comments that were received. CB-85-2015, concerns Illegal Rental Property for the purpose prohibiting a new owner from operating a property without a valid license; providing for a penalty for rental property owners who operate property without a valid license, and generally relating to rental property licensing.

Susan Hubbard, Prince Georges County, Department of Permits, Inspections and Enforcement, and Mike Graziano with the Prince Georges County Realtors Association provided additional information and answered questions in committee.

Amendments are as follows:

1. On page 1, line 21; after “for a new license is”, insert applied for within 30 days following settlement,
2. On page 2, line 1-4; delete [submitted to the Director prior to actual change of ownership or control of the property or its assets. In addition to other required information, a purchaser's application for a license must be accompanied by a certification of the date transfer is to take place.]
3. On page 2, line 6-7; delete [late fee of an additional twenty percent (20%) of the prorated licensing fee due]
4. On page 2, line 7; insert penalty of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000), after “Subsection (b) of this Section”
5. On page 2, line 21; delete [twenty percent (20%)]
6. On page 2, line 21-22; insert of up to one thousand dollar (\$1,000), after the word “penalty”

October 1st, 2015

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The Office of Law determined that CB-85-2015 was in proper legislative form and without legal impediments to its adoption.

The Office of Audits and Investigation indicated there will be a fiscal impact on the County as a result of adopting CB-85-2015. However, an accurate approximation of the fiscal impact on the County cannot be determined at this time.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

This bill is regarding illegal rental property. This bill prohibits a new owner from operating a property without a valid license. The penalty for rental property owners who operate property without a valid license is \$1,000 for each month or portion of a month.

CODE INDEX TOPICS:

INCLUSION FILES:
