

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
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Bill No. CB-012-2026

Chapter No. _____

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Fisher

Introduced by Council Members Fisher, Oriadha, Hunter, Olson, Blegay, Dernoga,
Harrison, Adams, Adams-Stafford and Ivey

Co-Sponsors Council Member Burroughs

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BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Motor Vehicle Takeovers and Unlawful Speed Contests

3 For the purpose of prohibiting unlawful speed contests, exhibition driving, stunt driving or race
4 contests consistent with State law; establishing the offense of organizing or participating in a
5 motor vehicle takeover event; prohibiting-attending a motor vehicle takeover event; providing
6 definitions; establishing penalties; and generally relating to public safety and unlawful vehicle
7 exhibitions within Prince George’s County.

8 BY adding

9 SUBTITLE 26. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC.

10 Sections 26-104.01 and 26-104.02

11 The Prince George's County Code

12 (2023 Edition; 2025 Supplement).

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
14 Maryland, that Sections 26-104.01 and 26-104.02 of the Prince George's County Code be and the
15 same are hereby added:

16 SUBTITLE 26. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC.

17 DIVISION 1. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.

18 **Sec. 26-104.01. Motor Racing, Drag Racing, or Car Takeovers; Prohibited.**

19 (a) **Definitions.** In this section, the following words mean:

20 (1) **Highway** means the entire width between the boundary lines of any way or

1 thoroughfare of which any part is used by the public for vehicular travel, whether or not the way
 2 or thoroughfare has been dedicated to the public and accepted by any proper authority.

3 (2) **Private Property** means property owned by a private entity that is open to or used
 4 by members of the public generally, whether or not a fee is charged, including things such as
 5 parking lots serving industries like retail, commercial, entertainment, or other such uses.

6 (3) **Unlawful Race or Speed Contest** means any race, speed contest, acceleration
 7 contest, or competitive exhibition of speed or acceleration involving one or more motor
 8 vehicles.

9 (4) **Stunt Driving** means any motor vehicle performing or engaging in burnouts,
 10 doughnuts, drifting, or wheelies, or allowing a passenger to ride either partially or fully outside
 11 the vehicle while operating that vehicle.

12 (5) **Car Takeover** means a coordinated gathering of motor vehicles and persons
 13 that results in the intentional disruption of public vehicle movement or public safety within the
 14 County, such as vehicles performing burnouts, drifting, spinning, donuts, acceleration
 15 exhibitions, or other similar maneuvers that create a substantial risk of injury. This includes
 16 motor vehicles such as ATVs, dirt bikes, or motorcycles on any county highway or private
 17 property without the owner's consent.

18 (6) **Exhibition Driving** means the operation of a vehicle in a manner that results in one
 19 or more of the following:

20 (A) the excessive, abrupt acceleration or deceleration of the motor vehicle;

21 (B) the skidding, squealing, burning, or smoking of the tires of the motor vehicle;

22 (C) the swerving or swaying of the motor vehicle from side to side while
 23 skidding;

24 (D) the engine of the motor vehicle producing an unreasonably loud, raucous, or
 25 disturbing noise;

26 (E) the grinding of the gears of the motor vehicle or the backfiring of the engine
 27 of the motor vehicle;

28 (F) transportation of a passenger on or in the area of a motor vehicle that is not
 29 designed or intended for passenger transport, such as the hood or roof.

30 (7) **Lawful Order to Disperse** means an order issued by a law enforcement officer
 31 directing people to leave a defined area because the officer has reasonable grounds to believe an

1 unlawful race or a car takeover is occurring or about to occur.

2 (8) **Participant** means any person, in or outside a vehicle, who purposefully slows,
3 stops, or impedes, or attempts to slow, stop or impede, the movement of traffic, including
4 pedestrian traffic, for the purpose of a speed contest, stunt driving, exhibition driving, or car
5 takeover. This shall also include any person who aids, abets, promotes, organizes, or attends a
6 speed contest, stunt driving, exhibition driving, or car takeover.

7 (9) **Motor Vehicle** means a vehicle that is self-propelled or propelled by electric power
8 obtained from overhead electrical wires and is not operated on rails.

9 (A) For the purposes of this statute, such vehicles shall also include off-road
10 vehicles, including but are not limited to:

11 (i) two or four-wheel vehicles or ATVs;

12 (ii), motorcycles, mopeds, minibikes, dirt bikes, scooters;

13 (iii) any other means of land transportation deriving motor power from any
14 source other than muscle or wind.

15 **(b) Prohibited Conduct.**

16 (1) Except as authorized under section 5-185, no person may engage in an unlawful
17 race, stunt driving, exhibition driving, speed contest, or car takeover on any highway or private
18 property.

19 (2) Except as authorized under section 5-185, no person may participate as a
20 timekeeper, flagger, participant, or starter in an unlawful race, speed contest, or car takeover on
21 any highway or private property.

22 (3) Whenever a person is arrested or issued a citation for a violation of this section, the
23 issuing or arresting law enforcement agency may impound the vehicle used in the offense.

24 (A) A vehicle impounded pursuant to this section shall not be released unless all
25 of the following conditions are met:

26 (i) the claimant presents a valid driver's license or other photo identification,
27 proof of ownership or lawful authority to operate the motor vehicle, and proof of valid motor
28 vehicle insurance for that vehicle. if the vehicle will be driven out of impoundment, the claimant
29 must have a valid driver's license.

30 (ii) any other conditions for release established by the law-enforcement
31 agency have been met.

(iii) all reasonable towing and storage fees connected to the vehicle have been paid. The County and the arresting law-enforcement agency shall not be liable for any expenses incurred in connection with the towing and storage of said vehicle.

(c) Penalties.

(1) A person found in violation of section 26-104.01(b) shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, subject to imprisonment not to exceed sixty (60) days and up to a one thousand (\$1,000) dollar fine.

(2) A person found in violation of section 26-104.01(b) that results in serious bodily injury to another person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, subject to imprisonment not to exceed twelve (12) months and up to a one thousand (\$1000) dollar fine.

SUBTITLE 26. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

DIVISION 1. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.

Sec 26-104.02. Attendance at Motor Racing, Drag Racing, or Car Takeovers; Prohibited.

(a) **Definitions.** In this section, the definitions prescribed in Section 26-104.01 shall have the same meaning.

(b) Prohibited Conduct.

(1) Except as authorized under section 5-185, no person shall attend an unlawful race, speed contest, car takeover, exhibition driving event, or stunt driving event.

(2) Except as authorized under section 5-185, no person shall organize an unlawful race, speed contest, car takeover, exhibition driving event, or stunt driving event.

(3) No person shall knowingly remain in a defined area after a lawful order to disperse has been issued by a law enforcement official.

(c) Penalties.

(1) A person found in violation of section 26-104.02(b) shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, subject to:

(A) imprisonment not to exceed sixty (60) days and up to a one thousand (\$1,000) dollar fine for a first offense.

(B) imprisonment not to exceed sixty (60) days and up to a two thousand (\$2,000) dollar fine for a second offense.

(C) imprisonment not to exceed sixty (60) days and up to a three thousand (\$3,000) dollar fine for a third offense.

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SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection, or section.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect on forty-five (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2026.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
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Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

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DATE: _____ BY: _____
Aisha N. Braveboy
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.



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