

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2026 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-040-2026

Chapter No. _____

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Olson

Introduced by Council Members Olson, Burroughs, Oriadha, Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga and
Adams-Stafford

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction June 9, 2026

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 The Human Trafficking Awareness Notice

3 For the purpose of increasing public awareness, support victims, and encourage safe reporting of
4 suspected human trafficking and requiring all hotels, motels, and other similar lodging
5 establishments operating within the County to post a human trafficking awareness notice inside
6 each guest room.

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8 BY adding:

9 SUBTITLE 5. BUSINESSES AND LICENSES.

10 Section 5-171.02

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 Section 5-171.02 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby
15 added:

16 SUBTITLE 5. BUSINESSES AND LICENSES.

17 DIVISION 7. HOTELS AND ROOMING HOUSES

18 **Sec. 5-171.02. Human trafficking awareness notice.**

19 (a) All hotels, motels, and other similar lodging establishments operating within the
20 County shall post a human trafficking awareness notice inside each guest room.

1 **(b)** The human trafficking awareness notice shall be placed in a visible location within the
2 room, such as on the back of the door or near guest information materials, and this
3 notice shall be maintained in good condition. The appropriate size for the notice shall
4 be letter size (8x11) with a 12-point font and shall be visible for anyone to read.

5 (c) The human trafficking awareness notice shall include the following language:

6 **"Human trafficking is real.**

7 **Learn to recognize the signs. Is the person:**

8 **· Forced/coerced to work or perform commercial sex acts or is under 18 and in**
9 **commercial sex?**

10 **· Unable to leave their work/services without severe consequences?**

11 **· Being forced to work off a debt?**

12 **· Controlled/watched/coached/threatened by someone?**

13 **· Not in possession of their own money/identification?**

14 **· Showing signs of abuse, malnourishment, lack of sleep?**

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16 **While no single indicator is proof of human trafficking, these indicators are just a few**
17 **that may alert you to a potential human trafficking situation.**

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19 **To report suspected human trafficking, call:**

20 **For emergencies, contact 911**

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22 **National Human Trafficking Hotline**

23 **1-888-373-7888 (TTY: 711)**

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25 **Anonymous Tip Line: 1-866-411-TIPS (8477)**

26 **Available 24/7—your call is never recorded, traced, or identified.**

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28 **BeFree Textline**

29 **Text HELP to 233733 (BEFREE)**

30 **Confidential, 24/7**

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National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

1-800-843-5678 (1-800-THE-LOST)"

If you are a victim, call:

UMD SAFE Center for Human Trafficking

301-314-7233 (Between 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Monday – Friday)

The Prince George’s County Family Justice Center – 301-780-8008

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Center at Capital Region Health – 24 hour

hotline (including human sex and labor trafficking) – 240-677-2337

(d) The human trafficking awareness notice shall be posted in additional languages as required by County law.

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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 forty-five (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2026.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Krystal Oriadha
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

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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