

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**

**1997 Legislative Session**

Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_ CB-56-1997

Chapter No.

Proposed and Presented by \_\_\_\_\_ Council Member Scott

Introduced by

Co-Sponsors

Date of Introduction

**BILL**

AN ACT concerning

Towing from Private Property

For the purpose of providing that no officer, agent or employee of the County or towing company may act as an agent of a private property owner for the purpose of authorizing the impoundment of a vehicle and to revise gender specific language.

BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

SUBTITLE 26. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC.

Section 26-142.04,

The Prince George's County Code

(1995 Edition, 1996 Supplement).

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that Section 26-142.04 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

**SUBTITLE 26. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC.**

**DIVISION 10. TOWING AND IMPOUNDMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES  
FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY.**

**Sec. 26-142.04. Complaint by property owner.**

(a) Any property owner or property owner's agent may, when a vehicle is parked without authorization upon [his] private property without [his] the consent of the owner, make a complaint to an authorized towing company stating that [he] the property owner requests

that said vehicle be removed from [his] the property. Said complaint shall be on a form approved by the Chief of Police and shall contain a statement made by the property owner or property owner's agent, under oath, that the vehicle [which he seeks] to have removed was parked on [his] the property without [his] consent and that the vehicle was parked in an area from which a sign prohibiting unauthorized parking was clearly visible.

(b) No officer, employee or agent of the County may make a complaint or otherwise act as an agent of a property owner for purposes of this section.      (c) No officer, employee or agent of an authorized towing company may make a complaint or otherwise act as an agent of a property owner for purposes of this section.

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

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1997.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY:  
Dorothy F. Bailey  
Chair

ATTEST:

Joyce T. Sweeney  
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

BY:  
Wayne K. Curry  
County Executive

KEY:

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.

[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.