



Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 4/16/2024

Effective Date:

Reference No.: CB-030-2024

Chapter Number:

Draft No.: 1

Public Hearing Date:

Proposer(s): Oriadha and Hawkins

Sponsor(s): Oriadha and Hawkins

Item Title: AN ACT CONCERNING UNTRACEABLE FIREARMS AND MINORS for the purpose of adding and incorporating the State Code definitions related to firearms to the County Code; including the definition of Untraceable Firearms to the list prohibited loaded weapons; prohibiting the transfer of untraceable firearms to minors; and increasing the maximum penalty for each violation; and other general provisions related to untraceable firearms.

Drafter: Amanda Denison, Chief Legislative Attorney

Resource Personnel:

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
04/16/2024	County Council	presented and referred	HHSPS

Action Text:

This Council Bill was presented by Council Members Oriadha and Hawkins and referred to the Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee.

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

14-141 14-140

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

In 2022, the Maryland General Assembly enacted Md. Public Safety Code Ann Title 5, Subtitle 7 Untraceable Firearms. This new subtitle defines the type of weapon commonly referred to as "ghost guns" and prohibits the manufacturing, transferring, or sale of such weapons. In addition to prohibiting these weapons, the State also conveyed authority to the Secretary of Police to adopt regulations have been published directing local jurisdictions how to enforce the ban on ghost guns. This legislation will add the State's definition of untraceable firearms to the list of prohibited weapons in regards to minors. It will also increase the fine for violating this act to the maximum amount permitted under State law.

In addition, this bill adds untraceable firearms to the list of prohibited loaded weapons that may not be carried, worn, or transported within a certain threshold of specific locations. It is important to note that this bill only prohibits the discharge of weapons or the wear, carry, or transport of loaded weapons by persons who do not qualify under the exceptions to wit: those with a valid State issued wear and carry permit.

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