COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Bill No. CB-114-2026

Chapter No.

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Hunter

Introduced by Council Members Hunter, Oriadha and Fisher

Co-Sponsors Council Members Adams-Stafford and Burroughs

Date of Introduction September 29, 2026

BILL

AN ACT concerning

Tenant Rights Education and Accessibility Act

For the purpose of requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development, [the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement,] the Office of Community Relations, and the Office of Homeland Security to prepare and distribute a centralized, plain-language, multilingual tenant rights resource guide to improve access to information to the public about landlord-tenant relations; and generally regarding a landlord-tenant rights resource guide.

BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

SUBTITLE 13. HOUSING AND PROPERTY STANDARDS.
Section 13-147.3,
The Prince George's County Code
(2023 Edition; 2025 Supplement).

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that Section 13-147.3 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

SUBTITLE 13. HOUSING AND PROPERTY STANDARDS.

DIVISION 3. LANDLORD-TENANT REGULATIONS.

SUBDIVISION 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

Sec. 13-147.3. - Information and enforcement.

(a) The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), [the Department

of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE),] [and] the Office of Community Relations (OCR) and the Office of Homeland Security (OHS) shall provide information about the requirements of [this] Subdivision 1 and Subdivision 2 of this Division on their respective websites, including, but not limited to, informing landlords, tenants, and the general public about the types of units subject to the provisions of this Subdivision and exempt from some or all of its provisions, petitions for capital improvements, substantial renovations, and fair return relief from Ordinance coverage. By January 1, 2026, DPIE shall provide a publicly available web portal that the general public can access and utilize to determine whether a particular rental property is subject to the limits of the rent increase allowance prescribed in Section 13-144 and whether the provisions of Sections 13-145, 13-146, or 13-147 are applicable to the property.

(b) In addition to the informational requirements set forth in Section 13-147.3(a), the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), [the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE),] the Office of Community Relations (OCR) and the Office of Homeland Security (OHS) shall prepare and distribute information about the requirements of Subdivision 1 and Subdivision 2 of this Division in a centralized, plain-language, multilingual tenant rights resource guide to improve access to information about housing code protections, complaint procedures, inspection processes, [potential] relocation rights, available legal or emergency support services and other information deemed important to landlord-tenant relations. The resource guide may be translated into the languages that county residents speak as determined by the agencies creating the resource guide.

[(b)](c) [DPIE] The Office of Homeland Security shall email and post notice to license holders of the per annum limits on rent increases prescribed in this Subdivision within fifteen (15) days of its effective date.

[(c)] (d) [DPIE] The Office of Homeland Security shall exercise the enforcement authority provided pursuant to Section 13-102 of Subtitle 13 and Section 1-123 of Subtitle 1 of this Code:

(1) This enforcement authority shall include the authority to impose fines for violations of the provisions of this Subtitle, including any regulations authorized by this Subdivision, including:

(A) The authority to impose a penalty in the amount of $1,000 for the first violation of the provisions of this Subdivision; and

(B) The authority to impose a penalty of an amount up to $5,000 for any

subsequent violations of the provisions of this Subdivision; and

(C) Any penalty collected shall be evenly distributed between the Prince George's County Rental Assistance Program and the [DPIE] Office of Homeland Security, and to pay for this Office.

(e) The implementation date for the preparation and distribution of the resource guide shall be nine months from the effective date of this Act.

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:

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Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
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County Executive