

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

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REPORT:

Vote: No Recommendation, 9-0. (In favor: Council Members Franklin, Campos, Davis, Harrison, Lehman, Olson, Patterson, Toles and Turner)

This bill was introduced on July 8, 2014. The public hearing on this bill was held on September 9, 2014.

The purpose of this bill is to expressly prohibit the installation or operation of automated purchasing machines within Prince George's County. Automated purchasing machines are self-service devices that are designed to dispense money in exchange for personal property and are also known as reverse vending machines.

It does not apply to an automated purchasing machine that is used exclusively for collecting recyclable materials, including paper, glass, metals, plastics, and cardboard, in accordance with a recycling program approved by the Maryland Department of the Environment.

Personal property means private property that is moveable. Personal property includes property that is serialized or normally has a unique identifier and gift cards or vouchers that have monetary value.

This bill provides that the installation or operation of automated purchasing machines is prohibited within Prince George's County.

Violation of the provisions of this bill shall be punished by a fine not exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months.

During the Committee of the Whole, the following issues were discussed: ban, partial ban, existing automated purchasing machines, scope of State and County authority, crime, location, zoning, fees, number of licensees, hours of operation, fines and penalties, retroactive effective date, and pawnshops.

The County Council requested an Attorney General opinion regarding §20-102 of Senate Bill 382.