

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2014 Legislative Session**

Bill No. CB-49-2014  
 Chapter No. 45  
 Proposed and Presented by Council Member Harrison  
 Introduced by Council Members Harrison, Lehman, Franklin, Turner,  
Davis, Patterson and Olson  
 Date of Introduction July 8, 2014

**BILL**

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Automated Purchasing Machines

3 For the purpose of defining automated purchasing machines, prohibiting automated purchasing  
 4 machines; providing for certain fines and penalties; providing for a certain effective date; and  
 5 generally relating to automated purchasing machines.

6 BY adding:

7 SUBTITLE 5. BUSINESSES AND LICENCES.

8 Sections 5-242, 5-243, and 5-244,

9 The Prince George's County Code

10 (2011 Edition; 2013 Supplement).

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,  
 12 Maryland, that Sections 5-242, 5-243, and 5-244, of the Prince George's County Code be and the  
 13 same are hereby added:

14 SUBTITLE 5. BUSINESSES AND LICENSES.

15 DIVISION 19. SECONDHAND AND PAWN DEALERS

16 **Sec. 5-242. Definition.**

17 (a) **Automated purchasing machine** means a self-service device that is designed to  
 18 dispense money in exchange for personal property and is also known as a reverse vending  
 19 machine. This section does not apply to an automated purchasing machine that is used  
 20 exclusively for collecting recyclable materials, including paper, glass, metals, plastics, and  
 21 cardboard, in accordance with a recycling program approved by the Maryland Department of the

1 Environment.

2 (b) **Personal property** means private property that is moveable. Personal property includes  
3 property that is serialized or normally has a unique identifier and gift cards or vouchers that have  
4 monetary value.

5 **Sec. 5-243. Prohibition.**

6 (a) The installation or operation of automated purchasing machines is prohibited within  
7 Prince George's County.

8 **Sec. 5-244. Penalties.**

9 (a) A violation of Section 5-243 shall be punished by a fine not exceeding One Thousand  
10 Dollars (\$1,000.00) or by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months.

11 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby  
12 declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph,  
13 sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of  
14 competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining  
15 words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this  
16 Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such  
17 invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, subparagraph, subsection, or section.

18 [SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45)  
19 calendar days after it becomes law, or take effect on October 1, 2014, whichever is later.]

20 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that, notwithstanding any provision of Section  
21 318 of the County Charter to the contrary, the provisions of this Act shall take effect in  
22 accordance with Chapter 161 of the 2014 Laws of Maryland, a Public General Law.

23 SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act shall take effect  
24 on October 1, 2014.

Adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September , 2014.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mel Franklin  
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Redis C. Floyd  
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rushern L. Baker, III  
County Executive