

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2020 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-059-2020

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Committee: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Date: 10/01/2020

Action: FAV

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable 10-0 (In favor: Council Members Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras)

The Committee of the Whole convened on October 1, 2020 to discuss this legislation, which modifies the licensing provisions of short-term rentals and clarifies the adjudication process for platform non-compliance. The bill provides for license suspension or revocation under certain circumstances, and enforcement action and penalties at the discretion of the Director of the Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement (DPIE).

Terry Bell, the County Executive's Council Liaison, provided that Ms. Bolling, the DPIE Director and her staff would be providing additional information and responding to any questions. Lori Parris, Senior Advisor to the DPIE Director, informed the Committee that the bill amends CB-37-2020 enacted by the Council earlier in the year for the purpose of addressing enforcement if platforms fail to comply with short-term rental regulations.

Council Member Glaros suggested that DPIE also coordinate with municipalities on their approach to enforcement of platforms. Council Chair Turner asked, with the enactment of CB-37-2020 requiring additional information from the platforms, if there have been any operational or enforcement concerns. Ms. Parris responded that the Department is putting together a communication strategy and updating their website regarding updates on enforcement.

Amanda Denison of the Office of Law, provided that the bill was in proper legislative form and had no legal impediments to its enactment.

On a motion by Council Member Hawkins, and second by Council Member Davis, the Committee of the Whole voted favorable, 10-0 on CB-59-2020 (DR-1).