



Howard County Government

CB8-2015

Primary Information

Title: AN ACT to prohibit the carrying of certain weapons in certain County-owned buildings; renaming a certain subtitle; and generally relating to weapons controls in County buildings.

Short Title: Prohibiting certain weapons in certain County buildings.

Category: General

Primary Sponsors: Calvin Ball, Jen Terrasa, Jon Weinstein

Secondary Sponsors:

Status: Passed as Amended

Date Signed: 5/12/2015

Date Enacted:

Date Vetoed:

Date Veto Overridden:

Amendments

Amendment 1

Amendment Date: 04/06/2015

Legislative Day: 4

Comments: This amendment adds an exemption for a person who has a permit to carry a handgun under state law, provides that the exemption does not apply in buildings monitored by a magnetometer or equivalent security protocol, requires the County, within a set timeframe, to update the security protocol at the George Howard Building, including but not limited to the installation of a magnetometer or equivalent security protocol, and requires that the County establish a policy for on-going security and vulne

On the title page, strike “and general relating to firearms controls” and substitute “requiring that certain safety protocols for a certain County building be implemented by a certain date; requiring that a policy for conducting security and vulnerability assessments for public buildings be developed; and generally relating to security”.

On page 2, strike lines 1 through 13 and substitute:

“WHEREAS, in recent years, there have been a number of tragic incidents including shootings, bombings and stabbings in public buildings; and

WHEREAS, reviewing the vulnerability and security of County employees and the general public, especially in public County buildings, is paramount.”

On page 3, make the following changes:



1. In line 23, strike “and” ;
2. In line 25, immediately after “Code”, strike the period and substitute “; and”;
3. in line 26, insert:

“(9) A person who has received a permit to carry a handgun under Title 5, Subtitle 3 of the Public Safety Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

(d) Exemption not applicable.

The exemptions included in subsection (c) of this Section shall not apply in a public building that is monitored by a magnetometer or equivalent security protocol.

(e) Exemptions for buildings with magnetometer or equivalent security protocol.

The following exemptions shall apply if the building safety protocol includes the use of a magnetometer or equivalent security protocol:

1. Police officer or other law enforcement officer while in the performance of official duty for the United States Government, a state government or a local subdivision of a state;
2. A person whom the officer summons to help in making an arrest or in preserving the peace;
3. An employee of a unit of County government who is required to carry a gun as a condition of employment or to transport or otherwise handle a gun or dangerous weapon within the scope of the employee’s employment responsibilities; and
4. An individual who handles an unloaded gun or dangerous weapon:

(i) while acting as a curator, conservator, docent, or historical reenactor, or in a similar role; and

(ii) while under the direction or control of, or with permission from, the Department of Recreation and Parks or another department that:

1. operates a museum; or
2. conducts a program that is historical or educational.

Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that the County shall develop and implement safety protocols for the George Howard Building, to include, but not be limited to, the installation of a magnetometer or equivalent security protocol, and that such implementation shall be completed by December 31, 2017.

Section 3. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that the Department of County Administration shall work with the Department of Police to develop an on-going policy for determining which public buildings shall receive a security and vulnerability assessment.



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Section 4. And Be it Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that the Department of County Administration and the Department of Police shall update the security and vulnerability assessment every 2 years after the initial enactment.

Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

Motions on Amendment

Motion to Approve

Motion Date: 5/4/2015

Final Action: Failed

Moved By : Greg Fox

Seconded By : Mary Kay Sigaty

Name	District	Vote
Calvin Ball	2	No
Jen Terrasa	3	No
Mary Kay Sigaty	4	No
Greg Fox	5	Yes
Jon Weinstein	1	No

Amendment 2

Amendment Date: 04/06/2015

Legislative Day: 4

Comments: This amendment allows a person to handle guns or dangerous weapons if the person is (1) a county employee while within the scope of the employee’s employment responsibilities or (2) working in a certain museum-related role.



On page 3:

In line 20 after “employment” insert “or to transport or otherwise handle a gun or dangerous weapon within the scope of the employee’s employment responsibilities”.

In line 23, strike “and”.

At the end of line 25, before the period, insert

“; and

(9) an individual who handles an unloaded gun or dangerous weapon:

(i) while acting as a curator, conservator, docent, or historical reenactor, or in a similar role; and

(ii) while under the direction or control of, or with permission from, the Department of Recreation and Parks or another department that:

1. operates a museum; or

2. conducts a program that is historical or educational”.

Motions on Amendment

Motion to Approve

Motion Date: 5/4/2015

Final Action: Passed

Moved By : Jon Weinstein

Seconded By : Calvin Ball

Name	District	Vote
Calvin Ball	2	Yes
Jen Terrasa	3	Yes
Mary Kay Sigaty	4	Yes
Greg Fox	5	No
Jon Weinstein	1	Yes



Amendment 1 to Amendment 1

Amendment Date: 05/04/2015

Legislative Day: 5

Comments: Amendment 1 to Amendment 1 to CB8-2015 introduced by Greg Fox

On page 1, in lines 2 and 3, strike “by a certain date” and substitute “when limiting the ability to carry a gun or other dangerous weapon by law enforcement and other citizens that are otherwise permitted to so by law”.

On page 2, strike lines 2 through 5, inclusive, and substitute:

“(d) *Exemption not applicable.*”

The exemptions included in subsection (c) of this Section shall not apply in a public building that is monitored by a Permanent magnetometer or equivalent security protocol as determined by the Howard County Police Department or during times that temporary security protocol as determined by the Howard County Police Department is in effect.”.

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 26 through 29, inclusive.

On page 3, in lines 1 and 6, strike “3” and “4”, respectively, and substitute “2” and “3”, respectively.

Motions on Amendment

Motion to Approve

Motion Date: 5/4/2015

Final Action: Passed

Moved By : Greg Fox

Seconded By : Mary Kay Sigaty

Name	District	Vote
Calvin Ball	2	Yes
Jen Terrasa	3	No
Mary Kay Sigaty	4	No
Greg Fox	5	Yes
Jon Weinstein	1	Yes



Motions/Votes On Legislation

Motion to Table

Motion Date: 4/6/2015

Final Action: Tabled

Moved By : Jon Weinstein

Seconded By : Calvin Ball

Name	District	Vote
Calvin Ball	2	Yes
Jen Terrasa	3	Yes
Mary Kay Sigaty	4	Yes
Greg Fox	5	Yes
Jon Weinstein	1	Yes

Motion to Remove From Table

Motion Date: 5/4/2015

Final Action: Removed from Table

Moved By : Mary Kay Sigaty

Seconded By : Jon Weinstein

Name	District	Vote
Calvin Ball	2	Yes
Jen Terrasa	3	Yes
Mary Kay Sigaty	4	Yes
Greg Fox	5	Yes
Jon Weinstein	1	Yes

Motion to Table

Motion Date: 5/4/2015

Final Action: Failed

Moved By : Greg Fox

Seconded By : Jon Weinstein

Name	District	Vote
Calvin Ball	2	No
Jen Terrasa	3	No
Mary Kay Sigaty	4	No
Greg Fox	5	Yes
Jon Weinstein	1	No



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Motion to Approve

Motion Date: 5/4/2015

Final Action: Passed as Amended

Moved By : Calvin Ball

Seconded By : Jon Weinstein

Name	District	Vote
Calvin Ball	2	Yes
Jen Terrasa	3	Yes
Mary Kay Sigaty	4	Yes
Greg Fox	5	No
Jon Weinstein	1	Yes

Documents

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