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Statement from Howard County Council on Status of Council Bills 60-, 61-, and 62-2017

"Due to a Howard County Charter provision that limits the potential life of a bill to a maximum of 125 days, the County Council's votes last night on Council Bills 60-, 61-, and 62-2017 were not valid.

Within the limits of this Charter provision, the Council's schedule normally allows legislation to be considered in its month of introduction, tabled for a second month, and then extended for up to two additional months while following the Council's standard legislative cycle. However, the Council's legislative cycle is not based on calendar days, and given the calendar alignment of July through October, 2017, the Council's standard legislative cycle actually exceeded the Charter limit by one day. All three bills expired on Sunday, November 5, 2017 at midnight.

Unfortunately, this detail was not realized until after Council Bills 60-, 61-, and 62-2017 had expired. Council Members are currently consulting with the County's Office of Law and evaluating potential next steps."

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