

Amendment 1 to Council Bill 8-2015

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(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 vulnerability assessments for public County owned and leased buildings.)

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

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

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

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

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14 On page 3, make the following changes:

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16 1. In line 23, strike “AND”;
17 2. In line 25, immediately after “CODE”, strike the period and substitute “; AND”;
18 3. in line 26, insert:

19 “(9) A PERSON WHO HAS RECEIVED A PERMIT TO CARRY A HANDGUN UNDER TITLE 5,
20 SUBTITLE 3 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND.

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2 (D) EXEMPTION NOT APPLICABLE.

3 THE EXEMPTIONS INCLUDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY IN A
4 PUBLIC BUILDING THAT IS MONITORED BY A MAGNETOMETER OR EQUIVALENT SECURITY
5 PROTOCOL.

6 (E) EXEMPTIONS FOR BUILDINGS WITH MAGNETOMETER OR EQUIVALENT SECURITY PROTOCOL.

7 THE FOLLOWING EXEMPTIONS SHALL APPLY IF THE BUILDING SAFETY PROTOCOL INCLUDES THE
8 USE OF A MAGNETOMETER OR EQUIVALENT SECURITY PROTOCOL:

- 9 1. POLICE OFFICER OR OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHILE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF
10 OFFICIAL DUTY FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, A STATE GOVERNMENT OR A
11 LOCAL SUBDIVISION OF A STATE;
- 12 2. A PERSON WHOM THE OFFICER SUMMONS TO HELP IN MAKING AN ARREST OR IN
13 PRESERVING THE PEACE;
- 14 3. AN EMPLOYEE OF A UNIT OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT WHO IS REQUIRED TO CARRY A GUN AS
15 A CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT OR TO TRANSPORT OR OTHERWISE HANDLE A GUN OR
16 DANGEROUS WEAPON WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE EMPLOYEE'S EMPLOYMENT
17 RESPONSIBILITIES; AND
- 18 4. AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HANDLES AN UNLOADED GUN OR DANGEROUS WEAPON:
19 (I) WHILE ACTING AS A CURATOR, CONSERVATOR, DOCENT, OR HISTORICAL
20 REENACTOR, OR IN A SIMILAR ROLE; AND
21 (II) WHILE UNDER THE DIRECTION OR CONTROL OF, OR WITH PERMISSION FROM, THE
22 DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS OR ANOTHER DEPARTMENT THAT:
23 1. OPERATES A MUSEUM; OR
24 2. CONDUCTS A PROGRAM THAT IS HISTORICAL OR EDUCATIONAL.

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

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

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

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10 Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.