Bill No. 27-26
Concerning: Motor Vehicles and Traffic – Unlawful Racing and Street Takeovers - Prohibited
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COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: Councilmember Friedson
Co-Sponsors: Council Vice President Balcombe, and Councilmembers Katz and Luedtke

AN ACT to:

(1) prohibit participation in unlawful racing and street takeovers on public highways or roadways;
(2) define certain terms related to unlawful racing and street takeovers;
(3) establish penalties for such violations; and
(4) generally amend the law regarding motor vehicles and traffic.

By adding
Montgomery County Code
Chapter 31, Motor Vehicles and Traffic
Section 31-9F

Boldface	*Heading or defined term.*
Underlining	*Added to existing law by original bill.*
[Single boldface brackets**]**	*Deleted from existing law by original bill.*
Double underlining	*Added by amendment.*
[[Double boldface brackets**]]**	*Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.*
* * *	*Existing law unaffected by bill.*

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

Sec. 1. Section 31-9F is added as follows:

Sec. 31-9F. Unlawful Racing and Street Takeovers Prohibited.

(a) *Definitions.* In this section, the following words and phrases have the meanings indicated:

Exhibition driving has the meaning set forth in Section 21-1116.1 of the Transportation Article of the Maryland Code, as amended.

Lawful order to disperse means an order issued by a law enforcement officer directing people to leave a defined area because the officer has reasonable grounds to believe an unlawful race or a street takeover is occurring or about to occur.

Motor vehicle means a vehicle that is self-propelled, including **[[**two**]]** 2- or **[[**four-wheel**]]** 4-wheel vehicles or all-terrain vehicles; motorcycles, mopeds, minibikes, dirt bikes, scooters; and any other means of land transportation deriving motor power from any source other than muscle or wind.

Participant means any person, **[[**in or**]]** outside a vehicle, who purposefully slows, stops, or impedes, or attempts to slow, stop, or impede, the movement of traffic, including pedestrian traffic, for the purpose of a speed contest, stunt driving, exhibition driving, or street takeover. Participant includes any person who aids, abets, promotes, organizes, or attends a speed contest, stunt driving, exhibition driving, or street takeover.

Street takeover means a coordinated gathering of persons, including persons in motor vehicles, that results in the intentional disruption of the movement of motor vehicles on the highway or roadway or the movement of public safety vehicles within the County, such as vehicles performing burnouts, drifting, spinning, doughnuts, acceleration exhibitions, or other similar maneuvers that create a substantial risk of injury on any **[[**county**]]** highway or roadway.

Stunt driving means any motor vehicle performing or engaging in burnouts, doughnuts, drifting, or wheelies, or allowing a passenger to ride either partially or fully outside the vehicle while operating that vehicle.

Unlawful race or speed contest means any race, speed contest, acceleration contest, or competitive exhibition of speed or acceleration involving one or more motor vehicles not authorized by law.

(b) Prohibited Conduct.

(1) **[[**A person must not engage in an unlawful race, speed contest, street takeover, exhibition driving event, or stunt driving event on any highway or roadway.

(2)**]]** A person must not participate as a timekeeper, flagger, participant, or starter in an unlawful race, speed contest, street takeover, exhibition driving event, or stunt driving event on any highway or roadway.

[[(3)**]]** (2) A person must not aid, abet, promote, or organize an unlawful race, speed contest, street takeover, exhibition driving event, or stunt driving event.

[[(4)**]]** (3) A person must not remain in a defined area after a lawful order to disperse has been issued by a law enforcement official.

[[(d)**]]** (c) Any violation of this section or any regulation issued under it is a Class A violation and may be punished as a misdemeanor. Notwithstanding Section 1-19, the fine for any violation of this section must be in an amount not to exceed $5,000.

[[(e)**]]** (d) A motor vehicle used in violation of this section may be taken into possession by County police or other authorized person designated by the County Executive and may be towed and stored in accordance with applicable law.

Approved:

Natali Fani-González, President, County Council — October 20, 2026 — Date

Approved:

Marc Elrich, County Executive — Date

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Sara R. Tenenbaum, Clerk of the Council — Date