

Expedited Bill No. 30-17  
Concerning: Weapons – Discharge of  
Bows - Amendments  
Revised: September 25, 2017 Draft No. 2  
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Enacted: September 26, 2017  
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Ch. 26, Laws of Mont. Co. 2017

## COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Lead Sponsor: Council President Berliner, Councilmembers Leventhal, Katz, Rice, Elrich, Council Vice President Riemer, and Councilmembers Navarro, Huckler, and Floreen

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**AN EXPEDITED ACT to:**

- (1) reduce the safety zone for archery hunters in the County; and
- (2) generally amend the laws governing the discharge of bows.

By amending

Montgomery County Code  
Chapter 57, Weapons  
Section 57-6

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

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

1           **Sec. 1. Section 57-6 is amended as follows:**

2   **57-6. Discharge of bows.**

3           (a) *Prohibition.* A person must not discharge a bow in the County:

4                   (1) from, onto, or across a public road;

5                   (2) [into or within 100 yards of] in violation of the archery hunting  
6                               safety zone established in Md. Code, Natural Resources, §10-410,  
7                               as amended, surrounding a building or camp designed for human  
8                               occupancy without the owner or occupant's written consent; or

9                   (3) from, onto, or across public or private property without the owner  
10                               or occupant's written consent;


11           (b) *Exception.* Subsection (a) does not apply to target archery practiced in  
12                               compliance with safety guidelines established in regulations adopted  
13                               under method (2).

14           (c) A bow hunter must report the failure to recover a wounded deer to the  
15                               County Police at the end of an unsuccessful search for the animal.

16           **Sec. 2. Expedited Effective Date.**

17           The Council declares that this legislation is necessary for the immediate  
18           protection of the public interest. This Act takes effect on the date on which it becomes  
19           law.

Approved:

  
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Roger Berliner, President, County Council

9/28/17

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Date


Approved:

  
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Isiah Leggett, County Executive

10/04/17

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Date

*This is a correct copy of Council action.*

  
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Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

10/9/17

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Date