

Expedited Bill No. 21-22
Concerning: Weapons – Firearms In or
Near Places of Public Assembly
Revised: 11/10/2022 Draft No. 2
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Effective: _____
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Ch. _____, Laws of Mont. Co. _____

COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: Council President Alborno
Co-Sponsors: Councilmembers Hucker, Friedson, Jawando, Riemer, and Katz; Council Vice-
President Glass; and Councilmember Rice

AN EXPEDITED ACT to:

- (1) prohibit the possession of firearms in or near places of public assembly, with certain exemptions;
- (2) remove an exemption that allows individuals with certain handgun permits to possess handguns within 100 yards of a place of public assembly; and
- (3) generally amend the law regarding restrictions against firearms in the County.

By amending

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 57, Weapons
[[Section]] Sections 57-1, 57-7, and 57-11

Boldface	<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:

- 79 (3) apply to the possession of a firearm or ammunition, other than a
- 80 ghost gun or an undetectable gun, in the person’s own home;
- 81 (4) apply to the possession of one firearm, and ammunition for the
- 82 firearm, at a business by either the owner who has a permit to carry
- 83 the firearm, or one authorized employee of the business who has a
- 84 permit to carry the firearm; or
- 85 (5) [apply to the possession of a handgun by a person who has received
- 86 a permit to carry the handgun under State law; or]
- 87 [(6)] apply to separate ammunition or an unloaded firearm:
- 88 (A) transported in an enclosed case or in a locked firearms rack
- 89 on a motor vehicle, unless the firearm is a ghost gun or an
- 90 undetectable gun; or
- 91 (B) being surrendered in connection with a gun turn-in or
- 92 similar program approved by a law enforcement agency.

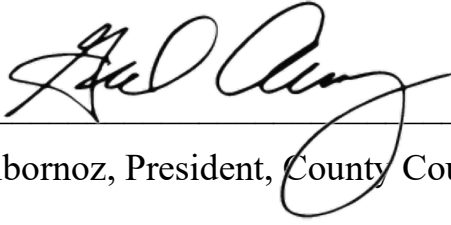
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94 **Sec. 2. Expedited Effective Date.** The Council declares that this legislation is
95 necessary for the immediate protection of the public interest. This Act takes effect on
96 the date on which it becomes law.

97 **Sec. 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act, or any provision of Chapter
98 57, is found to be invalid by the final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction,
99 the remaining provisions must be deemed severable and must continue in full force
100 and effect.

101 **Sec. 4.** This Act and Chapter 57 must be construed in a manner that is consistent
102 with regulations of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives,
103 including 87 FR 24652 (effective August 24, 2022), as amended.

Approved:



11/17/2022

Gabriel Albornoz, President, County Council

Date

Approved:

Marc Elrich, County Executive

Date

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Judy Rupp, Clerk of the Council

Date