

Bill No. 36-23
Concerning: Sale of Firearms or
Ammunition – Suicide Awareness and
Firearm Education (SAFE) Act
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COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: then Council President Glass
Co-Sponsors: Councilmembers Alborno, Stewart, and Sayles, then Council Vice-President
Friedson, and Councilmembers Katz, Balcombe, Jawando, and Luedtke

AN ACT to:

- (1) require the Department of Health and Human Services to develop literature about firearm safety, suicide prevention, and conflict resolution;
- (2) require ~~[[sellers of firearms or ammunition]]~~ gun shops to display and distribute the literature ~~[[at points of sale]]~~;
- (3) enable the Department of Health and Human Services to enforce the display and distribution requirements; and
- (4) generally amend the law regarding education about mental health and firearms in the County.

By adding

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 57, Weapons
Section 57-11A

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:

1 **Sec. 1. Section 57-11A is added as follows:**

2 **57-11A. Firearms and Ammunition - Suicide Prevention Literature.**

3 (a) The Department of Health and Human Services must prepare, and must
 4 distribute to each gun shop in the County, literature regarding:

5 (1) gun and firearm safety;

6 (2) gun and firearm training;

7 (3) suicide prevention;

8 (4) mental health; and

9 (5) conflict resolution.

10 (b) A gun shop must make [[visible]] conspicuous and available [[at a point
 11 of sale]], and must provide to each [[customer upon a sale of a gun,
 12 firearm, or fixed ammunition]] person who enters the shop, the literature
 13 prepared under subsection (a).

14 (c) An authorized representative of the Department of Health and Human
 15 Services may issue a civil citation to an owner of a gun shop for a
 16 violation of subsection (b).

17 (d) Penalties.

18 (1) A failure to display or distribute literature under subsection (b) is
 19 a Class A violation under Section 1-19.

20 (2) Each failure to distribute literature under subsection (b) is a
 21 separate violation.

22 (3) Each day of a failure to display literature under subsection (b) is a
 23 separate violation.

Approved:



December 12, 2023

Andrew Friedson, President, County Council

Date

Approved:

Marc Elrich, County Executive

Date

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Sara R. Tenenbaum, Clerk of the Council

Date