

PROPOSED

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2023, Legislative Day No. 15

Bill No. 72-23

Introduced by Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Pickard, and Ms. Hummer

By the County Council, September 5, 2023

Introduced and first read on September 5, 2023
Public Hearing set for October 2, 2023
Bill Expires on December 9, 2023

By Order: Laura Corby, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Crimes, Civil Offenses, and Fines – Weapons – Discharge
2 of Firearms

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4 FOR the purpose of amending a prohibition on the discharge of firearms to increase the
5 distance a person must be from human occupied or used structures or camps by a certain
6 yardage; establishing exceptions to the prohibition; and generally relating to crimes,
7 civil offenses, and fines.

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9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments: § 9-1-601(c)
10 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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12 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,*
13 That Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) read as follows:

14 ARTICLE 9. CRIMES, CIVIL OFFENSES, AND FINES

15 TITLE 1. CRIMES

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19 **9-1-601. Possession or discharge of firearms.**

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21 **(c) Prohibition; exceptions.**

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23 (1) ~~[[A]]~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2), A person may not discharge a
24 firearm within ~~[[100]]~~ 300 yards of a structure or camp occupied by human beings or
25 commonly used by human beings without the written permission of the owner, occupant,
26 or lessee of the structure or camp.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate new matter added to existing law.
[[Brackets]] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Captions and taglines in **bold** in this bill are catchwords and are not law.

1 (2) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM:

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(I) AT AN INDOOR OR OUTDOOR FIRING RANGE OPERATED BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OR OPERATED PURSUANT TO A CERTIFICATE OF USE ISSUED BY THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING; OR

(II) IN ACCORDANCE WITH A DEER MANAGEMENT PERMIT ISSUED BY THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days from the date it becomes law.