

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

COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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

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

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 57-6 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;

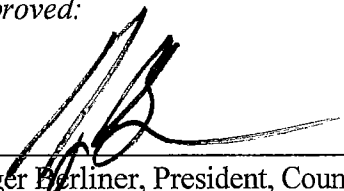
11 (b) *Exception.* Subsection (a) does not apply to target archery practiced in
12 compliance with safety guidelines established in regulations adopted
13 under method (2).

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:



9/28/17

Roger Berliner, President, County Council

Date

Approved:

Isiah Leggett, County Executive

Date

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

Date