COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2026, Legislative Day No. 9

Bill No. 53-26

Mr. Mike Ertel, Councilman

By the County Council, April 20, 2026

A BILL
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Miscellaneous Provisions and Offenses – Dangerous Weapons Prohibited

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the sale, purchase, trade, or acquisition~~, use, carrying or possession~~ of certain dangerous weapons, including metal knuckles and switchblade knives; establishing that any person who violates such prohibition is guilty of misdemeanor and may be subject to a fine, imprisonment, or both; and generally relating the prohibition of dangerous weapons.

BY adding

Section 17-2-105
Article 17 – Miscellaneous Provisions and Offenses
Title 2 – Firearms and Weapons
Baltimore County Code, 2015

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill.
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Laws of Baltimore County shall read as follows:

ARTICLE 17 – MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS AND OFFENSES

Title 2 – Firearms and Weapons

§ 17-2-105. DANGEROUS WEAPONS PROHIBITED.

(A) A PERSON MAY NOT SELL, PURCHASE, TRADE, OR ACQUIRE IN ANY MANNER~~, USE, CARRY, OR POSSESS~~ ANY OF THE FOLLOWING DANGEROUS WEAPONS:

(1) METAL KNUCKLES; OR

(2) A KNIFE WITH AN AUTOMATIC SPRING OR OTHER DEVICE FOR OPENING OR CLOSING THE BLADE, COMMONLY KNOWN AS A SWITCHBLADE KNIFE.

(B) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR, AND, ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING $1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING ~~ONE YEAR~~ 6 MONTHS OR BOTH.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having been passed by the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, shall take effect 14 days from the date of enactment.

LEGISLATION DETAIL

LEGISLATION	BILL 53-26
DISPOSITION	PASSED AS AMENDED
ENACTED	05/31/26
EFFECTIVE	06/14/26
AMENDMENTS	YES (1)

ROLL CALL - BILL

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