

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2026, Legislative Day No. 15

Bill No. 75-26

Mr. Michael Ertel, Chair
By Request of County Executive

By the County Council, August 3, 2026

A BILL
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Rental Housing Licenses – Advertising

FOR the purpose of requiring a property owner to possess a rental housing license prior to advertising a property for rent; and generally relating to rental housing licenses.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Section 35-6-105
Article 35 – Buildings and Housing
Title 6 – Rental Housing Licenses
Subtitle 1 – Rental Housing Licenses
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.

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

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4 ARTICLE 35 – BUILDINGS AND HOUSING

5 Title 6 – Rental Housing Licenses

6 Subtitle 1 – Rental Housing Licenses
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8 § 35-6-105. License – required.

9 (a) (1) A property owner may not ADVERTISE FOR RENT OR rent a dwelling unit
10 or a portion of a dwelling unit unless the property owner has been issued a license as provided
11 for in this subtitle.

12 (2) A tenant may not ADVERTISE FOR RENT OR rent a dwelling unit or a
13 portion of a dwelling unit to another tenant or a sub-tenant unless the tenant has been issued a
14 license as provided for in this subtitle.

15 (b) (1) A license is required for each dwelling unit.

16 (2) The Director shall determine at the sole discretion of the Director the number
17 of dwelling units that are contained in a dwelling.

18 (c) The Director shall issue a license to each applicant that meets the requirements of this
19 subtitle.

20 (d) A license authorizes a property owner or a tenant to ADVERTISE FOR RENT OR
21 rent a dwelling unit or a portion of a dwelling unit.
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1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having been passed by
2 the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, shall take effect 14 days after its
3 enactment.