

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

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<u>Underlining</u>	<i>Added to existing law by original bill.</i>
<b>[Single boldface brackets]</b>	<i>Deleted from existing law by original bill.</i>
<u>Double underlining</u>	<i>Added by amendment.</i>
<b>[[Double boldface brackets]]</b>	<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).

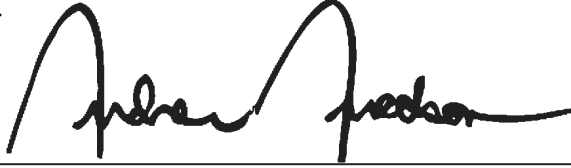
17          (d)    Penalties.

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:*



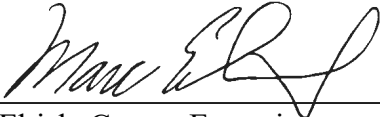
December 12, 2023

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Andrew Friedson, President, County Council

Date

*Approved:*



January 8, 2024

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Marc Elrich, County Executive

Date

*This is a correct copy of Council action.*



January 8, 2024

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Sara R. Tenenbaum, Clerk of the Council

Date