

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION DAY 2015-17**

BILL NO. 2015-19

Title of Bill: Amendment - Parks and Recreation - Parks Rules and Regulations

Synopsis: An Act to amend Chapter 261 Parks and Recreation of the Code of Cecil County to provide additional exceptions to the Subsection 261-5(R) Possession of Firearms for persons with permits, licenses and other specified purposes.

Introduced by: Council President on behalf of the County Executive

Introduced and ordered posted on: September 1, 2015

Public hearing scheduled on: October 6, 2015 at: 7:00 p.m.

Scheduled for consideration: October 20, 2015

By: _____
Council Manager

Public Hearing

Notice of time and place of public hearing and title of Bill have been posted by _____ at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton and having been published according to the Charter on _____, a public hearing was held on _____, and concluded on _____.

By: _____
Council Manager

Explanation: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING BILL
{Brackets} indicate matter deleted from existing law
Underlining indicates language added to a Bill by amendment
Strike through indicates language stricken out of a Bill by amendment.

1 **WHEREAS**, Article 25, section 222 of the Annotated Code of Maryland provides authority to
2 establish, maintain and conduct a comprehensive program of public recreation and parks for the benefit of
3 the citizens; and

4 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 402 of the Charter of Cecil County, the County Executive shall see
5 that the affairs of the executive branch are administered properly and efficiently; and

6 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 402 of the Charter, the duties and responsibilities of the Executive
7 include, but are not limited to supervising and directing offices, agencies and divisions of the executive
8 branch; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has submitted the amendments set forth herein to the County
10 Council for consideration and approval.

11 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ENACTED** by the County Council of Cecil County, that Subsection 261-5(R)
12 Possession of Firearms for persons with permits, licenses and other specified purposes, of Chapter 261 Parks and
13 Recreation of the Code of Cecil County, is amended as follows:

14 Chapter 261 Parks and Recreation

15 § 261-5 Park rules and regulations

16 R. Possession of firearms.

17 (1) **IN GENERAL.** No person shall have in his/her possession any firearm or weapon while upon
18 park property.

19 (2) **EXCEPTIONS.** This subsection shall not apply to:

20 (a) Person authorized by law to carry firearms in the discharge of their official duties; OR

21 (b) **PERSONS WHO POSSESS A VALID MARYLAND WEAR AND CARRY PERMIT; OR,**

22 (c) **PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN ISSUED A VALID STATE OF MARYLAND HUNTING LICENSE,**
23 **WHO MAY LAWFULLY POSSESS A HUNTING FIREARM ON PARK PROPERTY:**

24 (i) **FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSPORT OF A BOAT;**

25 (ii) **DURING WATERFOWL HUNTING SEASON(S);**

26 (iii) **IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE STATE OF MARYLAND LAW AND**
27 **MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES REGULATIONS.**

28 **AND BE IT FUTHER ENACTED** by the County Council of Cecil County that this Act shall take effect
29 sixty (60) calendar days from the date that it becomes law.

CERTIFICATION

I, HEREBY CERTIFY that the above Bill was posted for the public on the public bulletin board with the date, time and location of the public hearing meeting, copies were made available for the public, a copy was distributed to the press, and copy was made available on the Cecil County website.

BY: Council Manager