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Maryland Senate  
State House, H-107  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

The Honorable Michael E. Busch  
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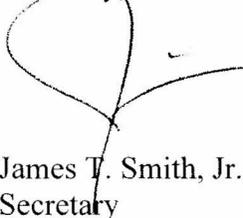
Dear President Miller and Speaker Busch:

Attached is a report concerning the *Reduction of Outstanding Arrest Warrants* as required in House Bill 1259, Chapter 683, Acts of 2000. The language directs:

*"That the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA), in consultation with the primary law enforcement officers in the State that provide information to the Administration under Section 1 of this Act regarding individuals named in outstanding arrest warrants, shall report to the General Assembly pursuant to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article by October 1, 2002 and each year thereafter on the effectiveness of this Act in reducing the number of outstanding arrest warrants in those jurisdictions that provide arrest warrant information to the Administration."*

If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Milton Chaffee, MVA Administrator, at 410-768-7274. Of course, you should always feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



James T. Smith, Jr.  
Secretary

Attachment

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cc: The Honorable Edward J. Kasemeyer, Chair, Senate Budget and Taxation Committee  
The Honorable Norman H. Conway, Chair, House Appropriations Committee  
Members of the Budget Committees  
Mr. Milton Chaffee, Administrator, MVA

A Report to the Maryland General Assembly

Regarding

Reduction of Outstanding Arrest Warrants  
(HB 1259, Chapter 683, Acts 2000)

The Maryland Department of Transportation

September 2014

## **Reduction of Outstanding Arrest Warrants (HB 1259, Chapter 683, Acts 2000)**

This annual report was prepared in response to language contained in HB 1259, (Chapter 683, Acts 2000). Specifically, the language directs:

*“That the Motor Vehicle Administration, in consultation with the primary law enforcement officers in the State that provide information to the Administration under Section 1 of this Act regarding individuals named in outstanding arrest warrants, shall report to the General Assembly pursuant to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article by October 1, 2002 and each year thereafter on the effectiveness of this Act in reducing the number of outstanding arrest warrants in those jurisdictions that provide arrest warrant information to the Administration.”*

This Act directed that the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) suspend an individual's driver's license and refuse to register or transfer the registration of the individual's vehicles if the individual is named in an outstanding arrest warrant (OAW). The legislation specifically says that the program is optional for local police agencies. Despite this, the MVA has reached out to State and local law enforcement agencies on numerous occasions, initially working to design the program and more recently to acquaint police officers with the program benefits and operation. All law enforcement agencies have been mailed details on the programs on several occasions. Currently, 50 agencies have enrolled in the program, with 48 agencies/barracks reflected in this report.

It appears that each year, the number of outstanding warrants that are reported by the participating law enforcement agencies, the number of suspensions imposed by the MVA, and the number of warrants that are satisfied are concurrently increasing at a significant rate. The MVA's primary concern is the possibility of incidences between customers who are refused services because of an outstanding arrest warrant and MVA employees, although there are no notable conflicts to date. To that end, the MVA will continue to closely monitor these situations; the MVA considers the safety and security of its employees of paramount importance.

Since the program's inception on December 1, 2001, only 50 law enforcement agencies, approximately 14% of all law enforcement agencies in Maryland, have either participated or enrolled to participate. While Maryland State Police (MSP) counts as one agency there are 22 Barracks that participate.

The MVA worked with the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, to develop an automated interaction between the OAW Program and the current Meter System used by law enforcement. Law enforcement agencies who are participants in the OAW program no longer need to enter the warrant information into two separate systems, thus eliminating duplicative steps. Notification was sent to all law enforcement agencies to market the new service.

## Reduction of Outstanding Arrest Warrants (HB 1259, Chapter 683, Acts 2000)

### Outstanding Arrest Warrant Statistical Totals

October 2004 through August 6, 2014

Law Enforcement Agency	Date Joined	Notices	Suspended	Mistaken	Satisfied	Removed
Anne Arundel Co. Sheriff's Office	03/26/2003	37,567	19,266	25	17,212	0
Baltimore City Police Dept.	04/30/2008	8,093	5,805	627	5,222	3
Baltimore City Sheriff's Office	08/02/2004	191	81	0	78	0
Baltimore Co. Police Dept.	12/04/2001	23,053	19,861	7	17,280	0
Baltimore Co. Sheriff's Office	03/21/2009	1,722	1,516	0	1,241	0
Caroline Co. Sheriff's Office	01/04/2005	51	34	1	34	0
Carroll Co. Sheriff's Office	05/11/2002	272	202	0	209	0
Charles Co. Sheriff's Office	10/23/2002	1,870	1,436	9	900	0
Dorchester Co Sheriff's Office	03/24/2005	699	380	3	340	0
Easton Police Dept	02/01/2011	152	79	0	19	0
Frederick Co. Police Dept	07/21/2003	1,235	753	3	538	0
Frederick Co. Sheriff's Office	04/30/2008	21	17	8	0	0
Garrett Co. Sheriff's Office	05/05/2003	5	0	0	0	0
Harford Co. Sheriff's Office	11/13/2002	9,003	6,745	4	5,303	167
Howard Co. Police Dept.	08/19/2004	5,197	3,021	5	2,372	0
Howard Co. Sheriff's Office	10/28/2002	886	607	5	555	3
Montgomery Co. Police Dept.	07/14/2003	39,384	31,329	24	25,642	11
Montgomery County Sheriff	01/01/2012	248	163	0	159	0
Prince George's Co. Sheriff's	12/22/2009	37,802	5,150	19,033	11,137	0
Queen Anne's Co. Sheriff's Office	11/23/2005	151	95	0	63	0
Rockville City Police Dept.	05/01/2002	1,823	1,420	3	1,380	0
Rising Sun Police Depart	05/01/2011	7	1	0	3	0
Washington Co. Sheriff's Office	07/02/2002	5,503	3,308	0	2,662	0
MD Natural Resources Police	10/01/2011	791	444	0	177	0
MD Transportation Auth./BWI	10/29/2008	9	6	0	6	0
MD Transportation Authority	10/23/2008	10	2	0	4	0
MSP: Annapolis Barracks	03/27/2003	644	297	1	304	0
MSP: Berlin Barracks	07/06/2009	144	94	1	78	0
MSP: Centreville Barracks	07/06/2009	873	684	10	347	0
MSP: College Park Barracks	07/06/2009	3	0	0	0	0
MSP: Cumberland Barracks	07/06/2009	49	16	0	28	0
MSP: D Barracks	07/06/2009	314	222	2	143	0
MSP: Forrestville Barracks	07/06/2009	6	3	0	3	0
MSP: Frederick Barracks	07/06/2009	230	162	0	122	0
MSP: Glen Burnie Barracks	07/16/2002	1,663	1,203	6	1,058	5
MSP: Golden Ring Barracks	07/06/2009	356	233	1	125	1
MSP: Hagerstown Barracks	03/24/2003	314	177	0	55	0
MSP: JFK Barracks	07/26/2009	456	330	0	162	0
MSP: LaPlata Barracks	07/06/2009	301	199	4	147	0
MSP: Leonardtown Barracks	03/25/2003	52	35	0	25	0
MSP: McHenry Barracks	03/26/2003	213	84	0	73	0
MSP: N Barracks	07/06/2009	727	466	0	467	0
MSP: North East Barracks	03/25/2003	885	548	10	367	0
MSP: Prince Frederick Barracks	07/06/2009	618	313	0	289	0
MSP: Princess Anne Barracks	07/06/2009	41	15	0	26	0
MSP: Salisbury Barracks	03/25/2003	475	327	0	135	0
MSP: Easton	07/06/2009	893	523	0	240	0
MSP: Waterloo Barracks	07/06/2009	450	274	0	192	0
MSP: Westminster Barracks	09/26/2002	772	651	2	521	0
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>186,224</b>	<b>108,557</b>	<b>19,794</b>	<b>97,443</b>	<b>190</b>

The Town of Manchester Police Department, Talbot County Sheriff's Office, Hurlock Police Department and the Ridgeley Police Department are currently enrolled and set-up to transmit warrant referrals, but have not entered any referrals.

## Outstanding Warrants (Cumulative Totals)

	As of August 6, 2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
<b>Notices</b>	186,224	170,317	155,740	140,781	112,260	86,826	70,054	60,201	47,655	34,269
<b>Suspended</b>	108,577	99,341	90,385	80,982	85,327	61,733	50,874	43,882	34,567	24,908
<b>Suspended as % of Notices</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>73%</b>
<b>Satisfied/Mistaken/Removed</b>	117,437	104,984	95,775	88,213	57,661	47,471	38,215	31,548	23,460	15,867
<b>S/M/R as % of Notices</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>46%</b>
<b>Satisfied</b>	97,453	77,111	75,839	68,282	57,359	47,199	37,980	31,319	23,246	15,665
<b>Satisfied as % of Suspended</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>63%</b>

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\* Note: Anomalous years. Erroneous numbers due to programming errors submitted by Prince George's County Sheriff's Office in 2010 were corrected in 2011.

<b>Transactions Denied</b>	
<b>09/06/2004 – 08/06/2014</b>	
<b>Registrations Denied</b>	<b>Driver's Licenses Denied</b>
8,209	3,729