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The Honorable Thomas V. "Mike" Miller  
President, Maryland Senate  
H-107 State House  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

The Honorable Michael E. Busch  
Speaker, Maryland House of Delegates  
H-101 State House  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

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, 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. John Kuo, Administrator, Motor Vehicle Administration at 410-768-7274. Of course, you should always feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Beverley K. Swaim-Staley  
Secretary

Attachment

cc: Members of the Budget Committees  
Mr. John Kuo, Administrator, Motor Vehicle Administration

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 2010

## 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:

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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, 47 agencies have enrolled in the program, with 45 agencies/barracks actively participating.

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 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 49 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 23 Barracks that participate. Although this program is clearly successful, only one additional law enforcement agencies have opted to participate over the past year.

The MVA is currently working 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. Once the updates are completed, law enforcement agencies who are participants in the OAW program will no longer need to enter the warrant information into two separate systems, thus eliminating duplicative steps.

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

<b>Outstanding Arrest Warrant Statistical Totals</b>						
October 2004 through July 2010						
<b>Law Enforcement Agency</b>	<b>Date Joined</b>	<b>Notices</b>	<b>Suspended</b>	<b>Mistaken</b>	<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Removed</b>
Anne Arundel Co. Sheriff's Office	03/26/2003	20,935	10,529	25	9,240	0
Baltimore City Police Dept.	04/30/2008	7,193	5,805	40	4,315	3
Baltimore City Sheriff's Office	08/02/2004	3	2	0	0	0
Baltimore Co. Police Dept.	12/04/2001	17,076	14,662	7	11,942	0
Baltimore Co. Sheriff's Office	03/21/2009	1,714	1,512	0	1,173	0
Caroline Co. Sheriff's Office	01/04/2005	51	34	1	27	0
Carroll Co. Sheriff's Office	05/11/2002	272	201	0	201	0
Charles Co. Sheriff's Office	10/23/2002	1,600	1,275	9	759	0
Dorchester Co Sheriff's Office	03/24/2005	597	337	3	289	0
Frederick Co. Police Dept	07/21/2003	972	588	1	363	0
Frederick Co. Sheriff's Office	04/30/2008	21	17	0	6	0
Garrett Co. Sheriff's Office	05/05/2003	0	0	0	0	0
Harford Co. Sheriff's Office	11/13/2002	7,979	6,267	3	4,762	147
Howard Co. Police Dept.	08/19/2004	1,580	1,061	5	852	0
Howard Co. Sheriff's Office	10/28/2002	737	502	5	477	3
Montgomery Co. Police Dept.	07/14/2003	27,077	21,735	5	16,563	3
Prince George's Co. Sheriff's	12/22/2009	14,316	13,478	0	1,949	0
Queen Anne's Co. Sheriff's Office	11/23/2005	92	62	0	50	0
Rockville City Police Dept.	05/01/2002	1,286	989	3	941	0
Washington Co. Sheriff's Office	07/02/2002	1,911	1,625	0	1,454	3
MD Transportation Auth./BWI	10/29/2008	9	6	0	4	0
MD Transportation Authority	10/23/2008	6	1	0	2	0
MSP: Annapolis Barracks	03/27/2003	644	297	1	303	0
MSP: Berlin Barracks	07/06/2009	136	86	1	10	0
MSP: Centreville Barracks	07/06/2009	449	375	10	38	0
MSP: College Park Barracks	07/06/2009	3	0	0	0	0
MSP: Cumberland Barracks	07/06/2009	6	2	0	1	0
MSP: D Barracks	07/06/2009	156	130	1	25	0
MSP: Forrestville Barracks	07/06/2009	2	0	0	0	0
MSP: Frederick Barracks	07/06/2009	96	87	0	27	0
MSP: Glen Burnie Barracks	07/16/2002	1,299	894	5	655	5
MSP: Golden Ring Barracks	07/06/2009	200	131	1	27	1
MSP: Hagerstown Barracks	03/24/2003	295	166	0	30	0
MSP: JFK Barracks	07/26/2009	212	192	0	27	0
MSP: LaPlata Barracks	07/06/2009	40	32	0	6	0
MSP: Leonardtown Barracks	03/25/2003	50	35	0	12	0
MSP: McHenry Barracks	03/26/2003	80	45	0	11	0
MSP: N Barracks	07/06/2009	463	357	0	68	0
MSP: North East Barracks	03/25/2003	558	357	10	113	0
MSP: Prince Frederick Barracks	07/06/2009	200	110	0	49	0
MSP: Princess Anne Barracks	07/06/2009	41	15	0	14	0
MSP: Salisbury Barracks	03/25/2003	454	291	0	74	0
MSP: Talbot/Caroline/Dorchester	07/06/2009	615	370	0	82	0
MSP: Waterloo Barracks	07/06/2009	243	152	0	73	0
MSP: Westminster Barracks	09/26/2002	591	515	1	345	0
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>112,260</b>	<b>85,327</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>57,359</b>	<b>165</b>

The Town of Manchester Police Department and the Ridgeley Police Department are currently enrolled and set-up to transmit warrant referrals, but have not entered any referrals.

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

<b>5-Year Overview of Outstanding Arrest Warrant Program</b> (cumulative totals)					
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
Jurisdictions	46	46	48	46	47
Notices Sent	47,655	60,201	70,054	86,826	112,260
License Suspended	34,567	43,887	50,874	61,733	85,327
Warrants Satisfied	23,246	31,319	37,980	47,199	57,359
Mistaken Identity	57	161	161	164	165

<b>Transactions Denied</b> <b>09/06/2004 – 07/06/2010</b>	
<b>Registrations Denied</b>	<b>Driver's Licenses Denied</b>
4,780	2,613