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The Honorable Michael E. Busch  
Speaker, Maryland House of Delegates  
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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, 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  
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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 2011

## **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 program on several occasions. Currently, 50 agencies have enrolled in the program, with 46 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 increasing at a significant rate. The MVA’s primary concern is the possibility of incidences between customers who are refused service 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, of that 50, 23 are MSP Barracks.

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 2011

Law Enforcement Agency	Date Joined	Notices	Suspended	Mistaken	Satisfied	Removed
Anne Arundel Co. Sheriff's Office	03/26/2003	23,904	12,028	25	10,781	0
Baltimore City Police Dept.	04/30/2008	8,093	5,805	627	4,869	3
Baltimore City Sheriff's Office	08/02/2004	3	2	0	0	0
Baltimore Co. Police Dept.	12/04/2001	18,961	16,300	7	13,388	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	202	0	204	0
Charles Co. Sheriff's Office	10/23/2002	1,828	1,413	9	819	0
Dorchester Co. Sheriff's Office	03/24/2005	597	337	3	306	0
Easton Police Dept.	02/01/2011	16	11	0	1	0
Frederick Co. Police Dept.	07/21/2003	1,103	675	2	423	0
Frederick Co. Sheriff's Office	04/30/2008	21	17	0	6	0
Garrett Co. Sheriff's Office	05/05/2003	5	0	0	0	0
Harford Co. Sheriff's Office	11/13/2002	8,125	6,371	3	5,011	147
Howard Co. Police Dept.	08/19/2004	2,335	1,583	5	1121	0
Howard Co. Sheriff's Office	10/28/2002	788	542	5	497	3
Montgomery Co. Police Dept.	07/14/2003	30,185	24,074	6	18,917	7
Prince George's Co. Sheriff's	12/22/2009	30,969	1,773	19,032	5,349	0
Queen Anne's Co. Sheriff's Office	11/23/2005	138	86	0	57	0
Rockville City Police Dept.	05/01/2002	1,426	1,085	3	1,037	0
Washington Co. Sheriff's Office	07/02/2002	2,451	1,888	0	1,611	5
MD Transportation Auth./BWI	10/29/2008	9	6	0	5	0
MD Transportation Authority	10/23/2008	9	2	0	2	0
MSP: Annapolis Barracks	03/27/2003	644	297	1	303	0
MSP: Berlin Barracks	07/06/2009	144	94	1	19	0
MSP: Centreville Barracks	07/06/2009	545	440	10	126	0
MSP: College Park Barracks	07/06/2009	3	0	0	0	0
MSP: Cumberland Barracks	07/06/2009	9	2	0	2	0
MSP: D Barracks	07/06/2009	183	143	1	37	0
MSP: Forrestville Barracks	07/06/2009	5	2	0	0	0
MSP: Frederick Barracks	07/06/2009	122	87	0	45	0
MSP: Glen Burnie Barracks	07/16/2002	1,399	986	6	743	5
MSP: Golden Ring Barracks	07/06/2009	249	152	1	55	1
MSP: Hagerstown Barracks	03/24/2003	302	171	0	41	0
MSP: JFK Barracks	07/26/2009	244	216	0	53	0
MSP: LaPlata Barracks	07/06/2009	140	108	0	67	0
MSP: Leonardtown Barracks	03/25/2003	50	35	0	17	0
MSP: McHenry Barracks	03/26/2003	161	64	0	35	0
MSP: N Barracks	07/06/2009	498	363	0	97	0
MSP: North East Barracks	03/25/2003	603	389	10	164	0
MSP: Prince Frederick Barracks	07/06/2009	291	166	0	94	0
MSP: Princess Anne Barracks	07/06/2009	41	15	0	14	0
MSP: Salisbury Barracks	03/25/2003	475	327	0	114	0
MSP: Talbot/Caroline/Dorchester	07/06/2009	707	422	0	148	0
MSP: Waterloo Barracks	07/06/2009	298	182	0	107	0
MSP: Westminster Barracks	09/26/2002	665	575	2	397	0
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>140,781</b>	<b>80,982</b>	<b>19,760</b>	<b>68,282</b>	<b>171</b>

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

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.

<b>5-Year Overview of Outstanding Arrest Warrant Program</b>					
(cumulative totals)					
	October 2007	October 2008	October 2009	October 2010	October 2011
Jurisdictions	46	48	46	47	50
Notices Sent	60,201	70,054	86,826	112,260	140,781
License Suspended	43,887	50,874	61,733	85,327	80,982
Warrants Satisfied	31,319	37,980	47,199	57,359	68,282
Mistaken Identity	161	161	164	165	19,760

**Note:** In the past year, Prince George's County Police Department's referral program had some programming errors which account for the decrease in the License Suspended number and the rise in the Mistaken Identity numbers.

<b>Transactions Denied</b>	
<b>09/06/2004 – 08/06/2011</b>	
<b>Registrations Denied</b>	<b>Driver's Licenses Denied</b>
5,713	3,012