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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,

Darrell B. Mobley
Acting 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 2012

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 46 agencies/barracks actively participating.

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 23 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 2012

Law Enforcement Agency	Date Joined	Notices	Suspended	Mistaken	Satisfied	Removed
Anne Arundel Co. Sheriff's Office	03/26/2003	29,122	15,096	25	11,598	0
Baltimore City Police Dept.	04/30/2008	8,093	5,805	627	5,004	3
Baltimore City Sheriff's Office	08/02/2004	89	24	0	4	0
Baltimore Co. Police Dept.	12/04/2001	20,857	17,929	7	14,822	0
Baltimore Co. Sheriff's Office	03/21/2009	1,722	1,516	0	1,204	0
Caroline Co. Sheriff's Office	01/04/2005	51	34	1	29	0
Carroll Co. Sheriff's Office	05/11/2002	272	202	0	204	0
Charles Co. Sheriff's Office	10/23/2002	1,862	1,430	9	858	0
Dorchester Co Sheriff's Office	03/24/2005	611	342	3	310	0
Easton Police Dept	02/01/2011	96	55	0	9	0
Frederick Co. Police Dept	07/21/2003	1,185	739	2	482	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	5,120	147
Howard Co. Police Dept.	08/19/2004	3,148	1,983	5	1,415	0
Howard Co. Sheriff's Office	10/28/2002	799	547	5	513	3
Montgomery Co. Police Dept.	07/14/2003	32,661	26,096	8	20,862	9
Prince George's Co. Sheriff's	12/22/2009	32,525	2,523	19,032	7,032	0
Queen Anne's Co. Sheriff's Office	11/23/2005	151	95	0	58	0
Rockville City Police Dept.	05/01/2002	1,550	1,202	3	1,120	0
Washington Co. Sheriff's Office	07/02/2002	4,128	2,618	0	2,003	5
MD Transportation Auth./BWI	10/29/2008	9	6	0	5	0
MD Transportation Authority	10/23/2008	10	2	0	2	0
MSP: Annapolis Barracks	03/27/2003	644	297	1	304	0
MSP: Berlin Barracks	07/06/2009	144	94	1	20	0
MSP: Centreville Barracks	07/06/2009	646	512	10	197	0
MSP: College Park Barracks	07/06/2009	3	0	0	0	0
MSP: Cumberland Barracks	07/06/2009	20	6	0	7	0
MSP: D Barracks	07/06/2009	237	176	2	56	0
MSP: Forrestville Barracks	07/06/2009	5	2	0	1	0
MSP: Frederick Barracks	07/06/2009	151	101	0	62	0
MSP: Glen Burnie Barracks	07/16/2002	1,493	1061	6	807	5
MSP: Golden Ring Barracks	07/06/2009	285	178	1	71	1
MSP: Hagerstown Barracks	03/24/2003	307	173	0	43	0
MSP: JFK Barracks	07/26/2009	308	257	0	69	0
MSP: LaPlata Barracks	07/06/2009	195	140	0	83	0
MSP: Leonardtown Barracks	03/25/2003	51	35	0	21	0
MSP: McHenry Barracks	03/26/2003	178	71	0	41	0
MSP: N Barracks	07/06/2009	591	407	0	138	0
MSP: North East Barracks	03/25/2003	656	417	10	216	0
MSP: Prince Frederick Barracks	07/06/2009	396	216	0	146	0
MSP: Princess Anne Barracks	07/06/2009	41	15	0	24	0
MSP: Salisbury Barracks	03/25/2003	475	327	0	128	0
MSP: Easton	07/06/2009	748	441	0	175	0
MSP: Waterloo Barracks	07/06/2009	350	210	0	133	0
MSP: Westminster Barracks	09/26/2002	724	617	2	437	0
TOTALS		155,740	90,385	19,763	75,839	173

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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.

5-Year Overview of Outstanding Arrest Warrant Program					
	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010*	FY 2011	FY 2012
Jurisdictions	48	46	47	50	50
Notices Sent	10,807	13,032	32,087	13,090	14,901
License Suspended	7590	9797	13,777	7726	9295
Warrants Satisfied	7310	8251	13,477	10,171	7875
Mistaken Identity	6	22	44	591	3

*In FY 2010, Prince George's County and the MSP started referring outstanding warrants to the Program. Both agencies elected to refer past open warrants, not just those meeting the criteria after joining the program. This accounts for the spike in activity in FY 2010.

Transactions Denied 09/06/2004 – 08/06/2012	
Registrations Denied	Driver's Licenses Denied
6,421	3,220