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

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
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,

James T. Smith, Jr.
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

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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 6, 2013

Law Enforcement Agency	Date Joined	Notices	Suspended	Mistaken	Satisfied	Removed
Anne Arundel Co. Sheriff's Office	03/26/2003	33,532	17,370	25	12,976	0
Baltimore City Police Dept.	04/30/2008	8,093	5,805	627	5,125	0
Baltimore City Sheriff's Office	08/02/2004	177	71	0	63	0
Baltimore Co. Police Dept.	12/04/2001	22,228	19,162	7	16,187	0
Baltimore Co. Sheriff's Office	03/21/2009	1,722	1,516	0	1,225	0
Caroline Co. Sheriff's Office	01/04/2005	51	34	0	29	0
Carroll Co. Sheriff's Office	05/11/2002	272	202	0	204	0
Charles Co. Sheriff's Office	10/23/2002	1,865	1,432	9	894	0
Dorchester Co Sheriff's Office	03/24/2005	625	348	3	318	0
Easton Police Dept	02/01/2011	128	68	0	12	0
Frederick Co. Police Dept	07/21/2003	1,235	753	3	524	0
Frederick Co. Sheriff's Office	04/30/2008	21	17	0	7	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	5,207	147
Howard Co. Police Dept.	08/19/2004	4,187	2,461	5	1,782	0
Howard Co. Sheriff's Office	10/28/2002	799	547	5	514	3
Montgomery Co. Police Dept.	07/14/2003	35,715	28,574	15	22,955	11
Prince George's Co. Sheriff's	12/22/2009	34,959	3,883	19,033	1,533	0
Queen Anne's Co. Sheriff's Office	11/23/2005	151	85	0	60	0
Rockville City Police Dept.	05/01/2002	1,717	1,325	3	1,276	0
Washington Co. Sheriff's Office	07/02/2002	5,052	3,094	0	2,420	5
MD Transportation Auth./BWI	10/29/2008	9	6	0	6	0
MD Transportation Authority	10/23/2008	10	2	0	3	0
MSP: Annapolis Barracks	03/27/2003	644	297	1	304	0
MSP: Berlin Barracks	07/06/2009	144	94	1	23	0
MSP: Centreville Barracks	07/06/2009	744	589	10	274	0
MSP: College Park Barracks	07/06/2009	3	0	0	0	0
MSP: Cumberland Barracks	07/06/2009	31	6	0	14	0
MSP: D Barracks	07/06/2009	301	205	2	88	0
MSP: Forrestville Barracks	07/06/2009	6	3	0	1	0
MSP: Frederick Barracks	07/06/2009	190	133	0	81	0
MSP: Glen Burnie Barracks	07/16/2002	1,580	1,123	6	901	5
MSP: Golden Ring Barracks	07/06/2009	305	94	1	90	0
MSP: Hagerstown Barracks	03/24/2003	314	177	0	50	0
MSP: JFK Barracks	07/26/2009	396	301	0	115	0
MSP: LaPlata Barracks	07/06/2009	268	179	0	108	0
MSP: Leonardtown Barracks	03/25/2003	52	35	0	23	0
MSP: McHenry Barracks	03/26/2003	199	79	0	54	0
MSP: N Barracks	07/06/2009	666	439	0	191	0
MSP: North East Barracks	03/25/2003	782	489	0	262	0
MSP: Prince Frederick Barracks	07/06/2009	521	269	0	219	0
MSP: Princess Anne Barracks	07/06/2009	41	15	0	24	0
MSP: Salisbury Barracks	03/25/2003	475	327	0	131	0
MSP: Easton	07/06/2009	803	471	0	193	0
MSP: Waterloo Barracks	07/06/2009	402	239	0	160	0
MSP: Westminster Barracks	09/26/2002	772	651	2	485	0
TOTALS		170,317	99,341	19,761	77,111	171

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, 2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Notices	170,317	155,740	140,781	112,260	86,826	70,054	60,201	47,655	34,269	22,179
Suspended	99,341	90,385	80,982	85,327	61,733	50,874	43,882	34,567	24,908	15,839
Suspended as % of Notices	58%	58%	58%	76%	71%	73%	73%	73%	73%	71%
Satisfied/Mistaken/Removed	104,984	95,775	88,213	57,661	47,471	38,215	31,548	23,460	15,867	8,926
S/M/R as % of Notices	62%	61%	63%	51%	55%	55%	52%	49%	46%	40%
Satisfied	77,111	75,839	68,282	57,359	47,199	37,980	31,319	23,246	15,665	8,748
Satisfied as % of Suspended	78%	84%	84%	67%	76%	75%	71%	67%	63%	55%

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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.

Transactions Denied	
09/06/2004 – 08/06/2013	
Registrations Denied	Driver's Licenses Denied
7,403	3,507