

(i) A law enforcement agency has attempted, but failed, to serve on the individual named in the warrant due to the inability to locate the individual; and

(ii) Is at least 31 days old.

(4) "Primary law enforcement officer" means:

(i) In a municipal corporation, the Chief of Police, if any, or the chief's designee;

(ii) In a county that has a county police department, the Chief of Police or the chief's designee;

(iii) In a county without a police department, the sheriff or the sheriff's designee;

(iv) In Baltimore City, the Police Commissioner or the Police Commissioner's designee; [or]

(v) The Secretary of State Police; OR

(VI) THE PRINCIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OF A FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OR THE OFFICER'S DESIGNEE.

(b) Subject to subsection (h) of this section, on notification by a law enforcement agency that an applicant for vehicle registration is named in an outstanding warrant, the Administration shall refuse to register or transfer the registration of any vehicle owned by the applicant.

(c) (1) Before refusing to register or transfer the registration of a vehicle under subsection (b) of this section, the Administration shall notify the applicant of the proposed action and inform the applicant of the applicant's right to contest the accuracy of the information on which the refusal is based.

(2) Any contest under this subsection shall be limited to whether the Administration has mistaken the identity of the individual named in the outstanding warrant or the individual whose registration or transfer of registration has been refused.

(d) An individual named in an outstanding warrant may appeal a decision of the Administration under this section to refuse to register or transfer the registration of the individual's vehicle.

(e) An applicant shall be referred to the law enforcement agency that notified the Administration of the outstanding warrant to resolve any question of whether the outstanding warrant has been satisfied.

(f) (1) The Administration shall continue the refusal to register or transfer the registration of a vehicle owned by an individual named in an outstanding warrant until:

(i) The Administration is ordered by a court to register or transfer the registration of the vehicle; or