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#### **CHAPTER 266**

(Senate Bill 335)

### AN ACT concerning

## Security Guards - Certification Renewal - Late Fees

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation the State Police to assess a certain late fee to applicants whose application for renewal of a security guard certification is not received within a certain time period on or before a certain date; prohibiting the Secretary from charging the late fee under certain circumstances; capping the amount of total late fees that may be assessed against an individual for late certification renewals; prohibiting the Secretary from certifying an applicant if the applicant has outstanding late fees; and generally relating to the late fees assessed to security guards for late certification renewals.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Business Occupations and Professions

Section 19-404.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

# **Article - Business Occupations and Professions**

#### 19-404.1.

- (a) By regulation, the Secretary shall stagger the terms of the certifications.
- (b) Unless a certification is renewed for a 3-year term as provided in this section, the certification expires on the date the Secretary sets.
- (c) At least 90 days before a certification expires, the applicant shall mail to the Secretary:
  - (1) a renewal application form;
  - (2) the amount of the renewal fee; and
  - (3) the amount of any late fee, as determined by the Secretary.
- (d) An individual periodically may renew the certification for an additional 3-year term, if the individual:
  - (1) otherwise is entitled to be certified;