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

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker
Maryland House of Delegates
State House, H-101
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 (MVA), 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 any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Christine Nizer, MVA Administrator, at 410-787-7830. Of course, you may always contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Pete K. Rahn
Secretary

cc: The Honorable Edward J. Kasemeyer, Chair, Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
The Honorable Maggie McIntosh, Chair, House Appropriations Committee
Members of the Budget Committees
Ms. Christine Nizer, Administrator, MVA

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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 2015

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 acquaint police officers with the program benefits and operation.

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. All law enforcement agencies are aware of this service.

Since the program's inception on December 1, 2001, only 53 law enforcement agencies, approximately 19% of all law enforcement agencies in Maryland, have either participated or enrolled to participate. Maryland State Police (MSP) counts as one agency; there are 22 Barracks that participate. 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 concurrently increasing.

In monitoring the branch activity one concern is the error rate, meaning that over half of the individuals whose driving privileges were suspended for having an outstanding arrest warrant should not have been suspended. The warrant had either been satisfied, or recalled, and the MVA had not been notified. The error rate has continued to decrease as we regularly communicate with law enforcement agencies.

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

Outstanding Arrest Warrant Statistical Totals

October 2004 through August 6, 2015

Law Enforcement Agency	Date Joined	Notices	Suspended	Mistaken	Satisfied	Removed
Anne Arundel Co. Sheriff's Office	03/26/2003	42,437	21,491	25	18,246	0
Baltimore City Police Dept.	04/30/2008	8,093	5,805	627	5,291	3
Baltimore City Sheriff's Office (1)	08/02/2004	193	82	0	81	0
Baltimore Co. Police Dept.	12/04/2001	23,906	20,598	7	18,008	0
Baltimore Co. Sheriff's Office (1)	03/21/2009	1,722	1,516	0	1,247	0
Caroline Co. Sheriff's Office**	01/04/2005	51	34	1	34	0
Carroll Co. Sheriff's Office (3)	05/11/2002	272	202	0	209	0
Cecil County Sheriff's Office	03/01/2005	0	0	0	0	0
Charles Co. Sheriff's Office	10/23/2002	1,879	1,442	9	911	0
Dorchester Co Sheriff's Office	03/24/2005	706	384	3	355	0
Easton Police Dept	02/01/2011	155	81	0	23	0
Frederick Co. Police Dept (3)	07/21/2003	1,235	753	3	547	0
Frederick Co. Sheriff's Office**	04/30/2008	21	17	8	0	0
Garrett Co. Sheriff's Office**	05/05/2003	5	0	0	0	0
Harford Co. Sheriff's Office	11/13/2002	12,611	8,702	4	5,904	167
Howard Co. Police Dept.	08/19/2004	6,194	3,503	5	2,833	0
Howard Co. Sheriff's Office	10/28/2002	939	643	5	589	3
Hurlock Police Dept**	03/01/2011	0	0	0	0	0
Manchester Police Dept**	12/17/2001	0	0	0	0	0
Montgomery Co. Police Dept.	07/14/2003	42,634	33,730	30	28,030	11
Montgomery County Sheriff	01/01/2012	335	217	0	225	0
Prince George's Co. Sheriff's	12/22/2009	45,154	8,343	19,033*	15,831	0
Queen Anne's Co. Sheriff's Office (2)	11/23/2005	151	95	0	64	0
Rockville City Police Dept.	05/01/2002	1,992	1,508	3	1,463	1
Ridgely Police Dept**	08/16/2004	0	0	0	0	0
Rising Sun Police Dept**	05/01/2011	7	1	0	3	0
Talbot County Sheriff's Office**	03/01/2011	2	0	0	1	0
Washington Co. Sheriff's Office	07/02/2002	6,193	3,644	0	2,922	0
MD Natural Resources Police	10/01/2011	911	509	0	231	0
MD Transportation Auth./BW1**	10/29/2008	9	6	0	6	0
MD Transportation Authority**	10/23/2008	10	2	0	4	0
MSP: Annapolis Barracks Closed 2008	03/27/2003	644	297	1	304	0
MSP: Berlin Barracks**	07/06/2009	144	94	1	78	0
MSP: Centreville Barracks	07/06/2009	990	758	10	414	0
MSP: College Park Barracks**	07/06/2009	3	0	0	0	0
MSP: Cumberland Barracks **	07/06/2009	57	20	0	34	0
MSP: D Bel Air Barracks	07/06/2009	341	231	2	155	0
MSP: Forestville Barracks**	07/06/2009	6	3	0	3	0
MSP: Frederick Barracks	07/06/2009	275	184	0	148	0
MSP: Glen Burnie Barracks	07/16/2002	1,768	1,292	6	1,111	5
MSP: Golden Ring Barracks	07/06/2009	368	241	1	143	1
MSP: Hagerstown Barracks**	03/24/2003	314	177	0	55	0
MSP: JFK Barracks	07/26/2009	498	352	0	188	0
MSP: LaPlata Barracks	07/06/2009	371	235	4	172	0
MSP: Leonardtown Barracks (1)	03/25/2003	52	35	0	25	0
MSP: McHenry Barracks	03/26/2003	233	101	0	80	0
MSP: N Barracks Rockville	07/06/2009	824	505	0	510	0
MSP: North East Barracks	03/25/2003	966	598	10	414	0
MSP: Prince Frederick Barracks	07/06/2009	756	376	0	368	0
MSP: Princess Anne Barracks	07/06/2009	41	15	0	26	0
MSP: Salisbury Barracks (2)	03/25/2003	475	327	0	136	0
MSP: Easton	07/06/2009	986	576	0	276	0
MSP: Waterloo Barracks	07/06/2009	507	314	0	233	0
MSP: Westminster Barracks (3)	09/26/2002	772	651	2	530	0
TOTALS		209,208	120,690	19,800	108,461	191

* Errors submitted by Prince George's County Sheriff's Office in 2010, corrected in 2011.

**Indicates agencies who have not reported in 2015 as of August 6, 2015.

(#) Indicate the number of months the agency has reported in 2015.

Outstanding Warrants (Cumulative Totals)

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Notices	209,206	186,224	170,317	155,740	140,781	112,260	86,826	70,054	60,201	47,655
Suspended	120,690	108,577	99,341	90,385	80,982	85,327	61,733	50,874	43,882	34,567
Suspended as % of Notices	58%	58%	58%	58%	58%	76%	71%	73%	73%	73%
Satisfied/Mistaken/Removed	128,451	117,437	104,984	95,775	88,213	57,661	47,471	38,215	31,548	23,460
S/M/R as % of Notices	61 %	63%	62%	61%	63%	51%	55%	55%	52%	49%
Satisfied	108,460	97,453	77,111	75,839	68,282	57,359	47,199	37,980	31,319	23,246
Satisfied as % of Suspended	90%	90%	78%	84%	84%	67%	76%	75%	71%	67%

* 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 – 08/06/2015	
Registrations Denied	Driver's Licenses Denied
9,050	3,944