Chapter 633

(Senate Bill 592)

AN ACT concerning

Surplus Military Equipment Reporting - Extension

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of State Police to submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year relating to the acquisition of equipment by law enforcement agencies through surplus programs; requiring the Department of State Police to include on its public website in a certain location a link to a certain report; and generally relating to local law enforcement agencies and the acquisition of equipment from a federal military surplus program.

BY adding to

Article – Public Safety Section 3–521 Annotated Code of Maryland (2022 Replacement Volume)

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

Article - Public Safety

3-521.

- (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.
- (2) "LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 3–201 OF THIS TITLE.
- (3) "SURPLUS PROGRAM" MEANS A PROGRAM OPERATED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE TRANSFER OF SURPLUS MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.
- (B) ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1 EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT ON THE ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES THROUGH SURPLUS PROGRAMS WITHIN THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

(C) THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE SHALL INCLUDE IN A PROMINENT LOCATION ON ITS PUBLIC WEBSITE A LINK TO THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY'S REPORT LISTING EXCESS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PROPERTY TRANSFERS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES THROUGH THE LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2023.

Approved by the Governor, May 16, 2023.