
January 22, 2020

The Honorable Paul Pinsky
Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
2 West Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis MD 21401

Re: Letter of Information – Senate Bill 43 – Licensing – Fingerprint Requirement

Dear Chairman Pinsky and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) offers the following letter of information for the Committee’s consideration on Senate Bill 43.

Senate Bill 43 exempts applicants for a business license issued under the Business Occupations and Professions article, the Business Regulation article, and certain licenses issued under the Public Safety article, from the requirement to submit fingerprints as part of the application if the applicant has submitted fingerprints for any other license application in the state. The bill also provides that two complete sets of an applicant’s fingerprints are not required for a background check if fingerprints have been submitted for the purposes of a prior license application.

MDOT Motor Vehicle Administration (MDOT MVA) would not be able to comply with the requirements of Senate Bill 43. MDOT MVA issues business licenses under the Transportation Article, which does require the submission of fingerprints but, MDOT MVA does not receive the fingerprints submitted by the applicant, nor does MDOT MVA have the capability to store such information for future use. Applicants for auto dealer and certified driver education instructor licenses submit live scan fingerprints either via an approved vendor or at designated Maryland State Police locations, which are directly transmitted to the Criminal Justice System Central Repository (CJIS) for processing. MDOT MVA would not be able to make available for future use any fingerprints submitted for the purposes of an auto dealer or driver education instructor license.

The Maryland Department of Transportation respectfully requests the Committee consider this information when deliberating Senate Bill 43.

Respectfully Submitted,

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