



M a r y l a n d Troopers Association



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The Honorable Luke Clippinger, Chair and Members of the Judiciary Committee

RE: HB 797 Criminal Law – Money Laundering

POSITION: SUPPORT

The Maryland Troopers Association (MTA) has a membership strength of approximately 2,629 members of which 1,120 are active sworn Troopers involved in traffic and criminal enforcement throughout the State of Maryland.

The MTA supports separating the requirements for money laundering charges from over \$10,000 AND drugs to over \$10,000 OR drugs. This legislation would allow for law enforcement officers to bring separate charges against organized crime in cases where a large sum of money is collected, but drugs have not been found, or vice versa. This legislation is a commonsense bill and allows for prosecution for non-drug related crimes, including money laundering in relation to fraud.

The MTA also supports a carve out for crimes under \$10,000 if involving fentanyl as we believe this will serve as a deterrent to smaller scale dealers as they will know they could be charged with additional crimes if fentanyl were found in their product.

The MTA supports the establishment of penalties on organized crime and drug dealers as we believe it expands the authority for law enforcement to truly make Maryland safer.

Therefore, the Maryland Troopers Association supports HB 797 and requests a favorable report.

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