
By: **Delegate Cluster**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of State Police - Police Training Commission - Information**
3 **About Law Enforcement Related Motor Vehicle Accidents**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of State Police to collect, analyze, and
5 disseminate to certain entities certain information about the occurrence of law
6 enforcement related motor vehicle accidents in the State; requiring the
7 Department to consult with the Police Training Commission to determine the
8 information that should be collected for a certain purpose; requiring certain
9 information to be provided in an annual report to the Police Training
10 Commission, any law enforcement agency requesting the information, and the
11 General Assembly; expanding the powers and duties of the Police Training
12 Commission to include developing and requiring, for entrance-level police
13 training, a certain enhanced driver training program; and generally relating to
14 the collection and use of information about law enforcement related motor
15 vehicle accidents.

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article - Public Safety
18 Section 2-306 and 3-207
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2003 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

23 **Article - Public Safety**

24 2-306.

25 (a) The Department shall collect, analyze, and disseminate information about
26 the occurrence of motor vehicle accidents in the State.

27 (b) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLECT, ANALYZE, AND DISSEMINATE,
28 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION, INFORMATION ABOUT THE OCCURRENCE

1 OF LAW ENFORCEMENT RELATED MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS IN THE STATE
2 INCLUDING:

- 3 (I) THE PRIMARY CAUSES OF ACCIDENTS;
4 (II) THE SECONDARY CAUSES OF ACCIDENTS; AND
5 (III) OTHER FACTORS RELATING TO ACCIDENTS, INCLUDING
6 WEATHER CONDITIONS AND ROAD CONDITIONS.

7 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSULT WITH THE POLICE TRAINING
8 COMMISSION TO DETERMINE THE SPECIFIC INFORMATION THAT SHALL BE
9 COLLECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

10 (3) THE INFORMATION COLLECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER THIS
11 SUBSECTION SHALL BE PROVIDED IN AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE POLICE TRAINING
12 COMMISSION, ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT REQUESTS THE
13 INFORMATION, AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT
14 ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

15 (C) The Motor Vehicle Administration, State Highway Administration, State
16 Postmortem Examiners Commission, commissions concerned with highway safety,
17 and law enforcement agencies of the State shall provide information about the
18 occurrence of motor vehicle accidents in the State to the Department at the times and
19 in the form that the Secretary requires by rule.

20 3-207.

21 Subject to the authority of the Secretary, the Commission has the following
22 powers and duties:

23 (1) to establish standards for the approval and continuation of approval
24 of schools that conduct police entrance-level and in-service training courses required
25 by the Commission, including State, regional, county, and municipal training schools;

26 (2) to approve and issue certificates of approval to police training
27 schools;

28 (3) to inspect police training schools;

29 (4) to revoke, for cause, the approval or certificate of approval issued to a
30 police training school;

31 (5) to establish the following for police training schools:

32 (i) curriculum;

33 (ii) minimum courses of study;

34 (iii) attendance requirements;

1 (iv) eligibility requirements;

2 (v) equipment and facilities;

3 (vi) standards of operation; and

4 (vii) minimum qualifications for instructors;

5 (6) to require, for entrance-level police training and at least every 3
6 years for in-service level police training conducted by the State and each county and
7 municipal police training school, that the curriculum and minimum courses of study
8 include special training, attention to, and study of the application and enforcement of
9 the criminal laws concerning rape and sexual offenses, including:

10 (i) the sexual abuse of children;

11 (ii) related evidentiary procedures; and

12 (iii) the contact with and treatment of victims of these crimes;

13 (7) to certify and issue appropriate certificates to qualified instructors
14 for police training schools authorized by the Commission to offer police training
15 programs;

16 (8) to verify that police officers have satisfactorily completed training
17 programs and issue diplomas to those police officers;

18 (9) to conduct and operate police training schools authorized by the
19 Commission to offer police training programs;

20 (10) to make a continuous study of entrance-level and in-service training
21 methods and procedures;

22 (11) to consult with and accept the cooperation of any recognized federal,
23 State, or municipal law enforcement agency or educational institution;

24 (12) to consult and cooperate with universities, colleges, and institutions
25 in the State to develop specialized courses of study for police officers in police science
26 and police administration;

27 (13) to consult and cooperate with other agencies and units of the State
28 concerned with police training; [and]

29 (14) TO DEVELOP AND REQUIRE, FOR ENTRANCE-LEVEL POLICE
30 TRAINING, ENHANCED DRIVER TRAINING PROGRAMS USING THE INFORMATION
31 OBTAINED UNDER § 2-306(B) OF THIS ARTICLE; AND

32 (15) to perform any other act that is necessary or appropriate to carry out
33 the powers and duties of the Commission under this subtitle.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2006.