

Chapter 65

(Senate Bill 374)

AN ACT concerning

Town of Ocean City – Criminal History Records Check – Taxi Driver Applicants

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Ocean City Police Department to request State and national criminal history records checks for taxi driver applicants in Ocean City from the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository; requiring the Police Department to submit sets of fingerprints of taxi driver applicants and pay certain fees to the Central Repository as part of the application for a records check; requiring the Central Repository to forward certain information to certain persons; specifying that certain information be confidential, not be redisseminated, and be used only for a certain purpose; authorizing the subject of a criminal history records check to contest the contents of a certain statement in a certain manner; and generally relating to criminal history records checks for taxi driver applicants in Ocean City.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 10–231
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 10–234.1 to be under the amended part “Part IV. Criminal History
Records Check Requests – Counties and Municipalities”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

Article – Criminal Procedure

Part IV. Criminal History Records Check Requests – Counties AND
MUNICIPALITIES.

10–231.

(a) In this section, “Central Repository” means the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

(b) The Personnel Officer of Anne Arundel County may request from the Central Repository a State and national criminal history records check for a prospective or current employee or volunteer of Anne Arundel County.

(c) (1) As part of the application for a criminal history records check, the Personnel Officer of Anne Arundel County shall submit to the Central Repository:

(i) two complete sets of the prospective or current employee’s or volunteer’s legible fingerprints taken on forms approved by the Director of the Central Repository and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

(ii) the fee authorized under § 10–221(b)(7) of this subtitle for access to Maryland criminal history records; and

(iii) the mandatory processing fee required by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history records check.

(2) In accordance with §§ 10–201 through 10–250 of this subtitle, the Central Repository shall forward to the prospective or current employee or volunteer and the Personnel Officer of Anne Arundel County the prospective or current employee’s or volunteer’s criminal history record information.

(3) Information obtained from the Central Repository under this section:

(i) is confidential and may not be disseminated; and

(ii) may be used only for a personnel–related purpose concerning a prospective or current employee or volunteer of the county as authorized by this section.

(4) The subject of a criminal history records check under this section may contest the contents of the printed statement issued by the Central Repository as provided in § 10–223 of this subtitle.

(d) The Anne Arundel County Council shall adopt guidelines to carry out this section.

10–234.1.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "CENTRAL REPOSITORY" MEANS THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM CENTRAL REPOSITORY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES.

(B) THE OCEAN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT MAY REQUEST FROM THE CENTRAL REPOSITORY STATE AND NATIONAL CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS FOR EACH TAXI DRIVER APPLICANT IN OCEAN CITY.

(C) (1) AS PART OF THE APPLICATION FOR A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK, THE OCEAN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT TO THE CENTRAL REPOSITORY:

(I) TWO COMPLETE SETS OF THE TAXI DRIVER APPLICANT'S LEGIBLE FINGERPRINTS TAKEN ON FORMS APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL REPOSITORY AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION;

(II) THE FEE AUTHORIZED UNDER § 10-221(B)(7) OF THIS SUBTITLE FOR ACCESS TO MARYLAND CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS; AND

(III) THE MANDATORY PROCESSING FEE REQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOR A NATIONAL CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK.

(2) IN ACCORDANCE WITH §§ 10-201 THROUGH 10-234 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE CENTRAL REPOSITORY SHALL FORWARD TO THE TAXI DRIVER APPLICANT AND THE OCEAN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT THE TAXI DRIVER APPLICANT'S CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION.

(D) INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE CENTRAL REPOSITORY UNDER THIS SECTION:

(1) IS CONFIDENTIAL AND MAY NOT BE REDISSEMINATED; AND

(2) MAY BE USED ONLY FOR THE EMPLOYMENT PURPOSE AUTHORIZED BY THIS SECTION.

(E) A TAXI DRIVER APPLICANT WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK UNDER THIS SECTION MAY CONTEST THE CONTENTS OF THE PRINTED STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE CENTRAL REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED IN § 10-223 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2012.

Approved by the Governor, April 10, 2012.