

HOUSE BILL 252

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By: **Delegates McIntosh, Attar, Anderson, Boyce, Bridges, Clippinger, Conaway,
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Introduced and read first time: January 17, 2020

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Department of State Police – Primary Enforcement for**
3 **Interstate 83 (Jones Falls Expressway) in Baltimore City**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing as a responsibility of the Department of State Police
5 primary traffic enforcement and emergency response for a certain portion of
6 Interstate 83 in Baltimore City; and generally relating to the duties of the
7 Department of State Police.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Public Safety
10 Section 2–301(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Public Safety**

16 2–301.

17 (a) (1) The Department has the general duty to safeguard the lives and safety
18 of all persons in the State, to protect property, and to assist in securing to all persons the
19 equal protection of the laws.

20 (2) Specifically, this duty includes the responsibility to:

21 (i) preserve the public peace;

22 (ii) detect and prevent the commission of crime;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (iii) enforce the laws and ordinances of the State, counties, and
2 municipal corporations;

3 (iv) apprehend and arrest criminals and those who violate or are
4 lawfully accused of violating the laws and ordinances of the State, counties, and municipal
5 corporations;

6 (v) preserve order at public places;

7 (vi) maintain the safe and orderly flow of traffic on public streets and
8 highways;

9 (vii) cooperate with and assist law enforcement agencies in carrying
10 out their respective duties;

11 (viii) investigate any death of an inmate suspected to be a homicide
12 within or outside a correctional facility as provided in § 9–602.1 of the Correctional Services
13 Article; [and]

14 **(IX) PROVIDE PRIMARY TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT AND**
15 **EMERGENCY RESPONSE ON INTERSTATE 83 (JONES FALLS EXPRESSWAY) IN**
16 **BALTIMORE CITY BETWEEN FAYETTE STREET AND THE CITY BORDER WITH**
17 **BALTIMORE COUNTY; AND**

18 [(ix)] (X) discharge the duties and responsibilities of the
19 Department with the dignity and in a manner that will inspire public confidence and
20 respect.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2020.