

HOUSE BILL 1031

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By: **Delegate Healey**

Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2023

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Missing Person Reports – Collection and Publication**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of State Police to compile and report on its
4 website certain information on missing person reports in the State; requiring a local
5 law enforcement agency to provide certain information on missing person reports to
6 the Department as required by the Department; requiring the Department to adopt
7 procedures for the collection of information from local law enforcement agencies; and
8 generally relating to missing person cases.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Public Safety
11 Section 3–608
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2022 Replacement Volume)

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

16 **Article – Public Safety**

17 **3–608.**

18 **(A) THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE SHALL COLLECT AND PUBLISH ON**
19 **ITS WEBSITE INFORMATION ON MISSING PERSON REPORTS IN THE STATE.**

20 **(B) THE INFORMATION PUBLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS**
21 **SECTION SHALL:**

22 **(1) BE DISAGGREGATED BY AGE, RACE, AND REPORTING COUNTY;**
23 **AND**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) PROVIDE THE NUMBER OF RESOLVED MISSING PERSON REPORTS**
2 **IN THE PRECEDING MONTH.**

3 **(C) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31 EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT OF**
4 **STATE POLICE SHALL PUBLISH ON ITS WEBSITE A SUMMARY OF ALL INFORMATION**
5 **ON MISSING PERSON REPORTS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION FOR THE**
6 **PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR.**

7 **(D) EACH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL PROVIDE THE**
8 **DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE WITH INFORMATION REGARDING ANY MISSING**
9 **PERSON WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE AGENCY AS REQUIRED BY THE**
10 **DEPARTMENT.**

11 **(E) THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE SHALL ADOPT PROCEDURES**
12 **NECESSARY FOR THE COLLECTION OF INFORMATION PROVIDED BY LOCAL LAW**
13 **ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.**

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
15 1, 2024.