

SENATE BILL 592

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By: **Senator Smith**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

Committee Report: Favorable

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Surplus Military Equipment Reporting – Extension**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of State Police to submit a certain report to
4 the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year relating
5 to the acquisition of equipment by law enforcement agencies through surplus
6 programs; requiring the Department of State Police to include on its public website
7 in a certain location a link to a certain report; and generally relating to local law
8 enforcement agencies and the acquisition of equipment from a federal military
9 surplus program.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Public Safety

12 Section 3–521

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2022 Replacement Volume)

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

17 **Article – Public Safety**

18 **3–521.**

19 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
20 INDICATED.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 **(2) “LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN**
2 **§ 3-201 OF THIS TITLE.**

3 **(3) “SURPLUS PROGRAM” MEANS A PROGRAM OPERATED BY THE**
4 **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE TRANSFER OF SURPLUS MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO**
5 **A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.**

6 **(B) ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1 EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE**
7 **POLICE SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT ON THE ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT BY LAW**
8 **ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES THROUGH SURPLUS PROGRAMS WITHIN THE PRECEDING**
9 **CALENDAR YEAR TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE**
10 **STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

11 **(C) THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE SHALL INCLUDE IN A PROMINENT**
12 **LOCATION ON ITS PUBLIC WEBSITE A LINK TO THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY’S**
13 **REPORT LISTING EXCESS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PROPERTY TRANSFERS TO**
14 **LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES THROUGH THE LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT**
15 **OFFICE.**

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2023.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.