

SENATE BILL 592

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By: **Senator Smith**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2023

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

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.

21 (2) “LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN
22 § 3–201 OF THIS TITLE.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

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

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