

HOUSE BILL 832

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – State Law Enforcement Agencies – Hiring Restriction**
3 **(ICE Breaker Act)**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain State law enforcement agencies from hiring certain
5 individuals who were hired by a certain federal agency after a certain date; and
6 generally relating to hiring by State law enforcement agencies.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Public Safety

9 Section 3–535

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Public Safety**

15 **3–535.**

16 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, “STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY” MEANS A**
17 **GOVERNMENTAL POLICE FORCE, SECURITY FORCE, OR LAW ENFORCEMENT**
18 **ORGANIZATION OF THE STATE THAT BY STATUTE, ORDINANCE, OR COMMON LAW IS**
19 **AUTHORIZED TO ENFORCE THE GENERAL CRIMINAL LAWS OF THE STATE.**

20 **(2) “STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY” INCLUDES:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 **(I) THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE;**
- 2 **(II) THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY POLICE;**
- 3 **(III) THE POLICE FORCES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL**
4 **RESOURCES;**
- 5 **(IV) THE POLICE FORCE OF THE MARYLAND CAPITOL POLICE**
6 **OF THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES;**
- 7 **(V) THE OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL;**
- 8 **(VI) THE POLICE FORCE OF THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF**
9 **HEALTH;**
- 10 **(VII) THE FIELD ENFORCEMENT DIVISION OF THE**
11 **COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE; AND**
- 12 **(VIII) THE FIELD ENFORCEMENT DIVISION OF THE ALCOHOL,**
13 **TOBACCO, AND CANNABIS COMMISSION.**

14 **(B) A STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY MAY NOT HIRE FOR EMPLOYMENT**
15 **AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS HIRED AS A SWORN OFFICER OF UNITED STATES**
16 **IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT ON OR AFTER JANUARY 20, 2025.**

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to
18 apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or
19 application to any individual hired by a State law enforcement agency before the effective
20 date of this Act.

21 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2026.