

# HOUSE BILL 1152

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of State Police – Special Police Officers – Study**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of State Police to conduct a certain study  
4 regarding special police officers; and generally relating to special police officers.

5 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
6 That:

7 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

8 (2) “Department” means the Department of State Police.

9 (3) “Special police officer” has the meaning stated in § 3–301 of the Public  
10 Safety Article.

11 (b) The Department shall study and make recommendations on the employment  
12 and use of special police officers, including:

13 (1) the commissioning process;

14 (2) employment requirements;

15 (3) special police operations, training, and equipment;

16 (4) the jurisdiction of special police officers; and

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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 (5) regulatory oversight to suspend or revoke the commission of special  
2 police officers.

3 (c) In conducting the study required under subsection (b) of this section, the  
4 Department shall:

5 (1) survey and document the licensing of and regulatory requirements for  
6 special police officers and the equivalent in surrounding states; and

7 (2) analyze best practices for the use of special police officers by public and  
8 private employers in the State and surrounding states by considering:

9 (i) the number of special police officers in the State and surrounding  
10 states;

11 (ii) mandated training for special police officers, including firearms  
12 training;

13 (iii) the impact of the use of special police officers on public safety;  
14 and

15 (iv) recorded complaints.

16 (d) In carrying out the study, the Department shall consult with:

17 (1) special police officers;

18 (2) employers of special police officers, including local or county  
19 governments that employ special police officers;

20 (3) a representative of the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association;

21 (4) a representative of the Maryland Sheriffs' Association;

22 (5) a representative of the Maryland State Police Licensing Division;

23 (6) a representative of the Maryland State's Attorneys' Association;

24 (7) a representative of the Office of the Secretary of State; and

25 (8) a representative of a security training academy that provides training  
26 for special police officers.

27 (e) On or before December 1, 2026, the Department shall submit a report of its  
28 findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the  
29 State Government Article, the General Assembly.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
2 1, 2026.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.