

# SENATE BILL 365

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By: Senator Waldstreicher

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

### 2 **Security Guards – Certification Renewal – Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of altering certain certification renewal requirements for security guards;  
4 repealing a certain certification renewal late fee; repealing the requirement that a  
5 licensed security guard agency or security guard employer submit a certain  
6 declaration to the Secretary of State Police by a certain date; and generally relating  
7 to certification renewal requirements for security guard agencies, security guard  
8 employers, and security guards.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article – Business Occupations and Professions  
11 Section 19–101(a) and (j) and 19–401(a)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article – Business Occupations and Professions  
16 Section 19–404.1  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

#### 21 **Article – Business Occupations and Professions**

22 19–101.

23 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



3 19-401.

7 19-404.1.

8 (a) [By regulation, the Secretary shall stagger the terms of the certifications.]

9 (b)] Unless a certification is renewed for a 3-year term as provided in this section,  
10 the certification expires on the [date the Secretary sets] **LAST DAY OF THE**  
11 **CERTIFICATION HOLDER'S BIRTH MONTH.**

12 (B) (1) AT LEAST 90 DAYS, 60 DAYS, AND 30 DAYS BEFORE A  
13 CERTIFICATION EXPIRES, THE SECRETARY SHALL SEND A RENEWAL NOTICE TO A  
14 CERTIFICATION HOLDER THAT STATES:

**(I) THE DATE ON WHICH THE CERTIFICATION EXPIRES; AND**

22 (c) [At least 90 days before] **BEFORE** a certification expires, the applicant shall  
23 submit to the Secretary in the manner and format designated by the Secretary;

## 24 (1) a renewal application: AND

25 (2) the amount of the renewal fee in a method approved by the Secretary[;  
26 and

(3) the amount of any late fee, as determined by the Secretary;

28 (d) An individual periodically may renew the certification for an additional  
29 3-year term, if the individual:

30 (1) otherwise is entitled to be certified:

(2) pays to the Secretary in a method approved by the Secretary:

(i) a renewal fee of \$10; AND

(ii) payment for the cost of a fingerprint card record check by the Investigation; [and

(iii) any late fee required under this subtitle;]

(3) (i) satisfactorily completes 8 hours of continuing security training approved by the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission under § 17-101.1; and

(ii) submits to the Secretary supporting documentation that completion of the training; and

(4) submits to the Secretary a renewal application in the manner and nated by the Secretary.

(e) [(1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, if a complete application for certification as required under this subtitle is not received by the Secretary on or before the first business day of the next calendar month immediately following the final date, the Secretary shall assess a late fee of \$5 per day until the application is received by the Secretary.

(2) (i) The Secretary may not charge a late fee under paragraph (1) of this section if the applicant did not make timely renewal because of incapacity, or, if the applicant is a member of the Armed Forces, being called to active military duty, or other hardship.

(3)] The Secretary may not certify any applicant under this subtitle if the  
s outstanding [late fee] obligations **UNDER THIS SUBTITLE**.

The Secretary shall renew the certification of each individual who  
ments of this section.

Within 5 days after the Secretary refuses to renew the certification of security guard, the Secretary shall send written notice of the refusal to submitted the renewal application.

ast 90 days before a certification expires, the licensed security guard  
guard employer shall submit a declaration to the Secretary under the  
y stating whether it knows that a certified security guard who provides  
vices on the security guard agency's behalf or for the security guard  
er satisfies all of the criteria for certification under § 19–402 of this

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