

Maryland Criminal Defense Attorney's Association



MD Senate – Judicial Proceedings Committee

March 4, 2020 1pm

Hearing on SB 889

“Adjudicatory Hearings - Attorney Security Passes”

MCDAA POSITION: SUPPORT W/AMENDMENTS

Brief bill explanation: An “attorney security pass” is a photo identification card issued by MSBA with the aid of a sheriff’s office or other law enforcement agency that authorizes an attorney in good standing to enter a State court facility without screening by security.

MSBA may manage and administer a program for the issuance of attorney security passes, including by (1) communicating to attorneys criteria and procedures for obtaining a pass and (2) collecting fees directly related to the management and administration of the program. The Secretary of General Services, in consultation with MSBA, must adopt regulations providing for the acceptance of attorney security passes at each State facility under the jurisdiction of the Department of General Services that houses a unit of State government responsible for conducting administrative hearings.

Amendment: Our support includes adoption of the Amendment submitted in writing by MSBA giving the discretion to grant or deny admission to any attorney security pass holder to the Bailiff or Sheriff in each County. The Sheriff’s office concerns and the issues raised by the Circuit Court and District Court judges can be incorporated into the policy after passage.

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