

Maryland Criminal Defense Attorneys' Association



Maryland House of Delegates Judiciary Committee

February 17, 2021 1pm

Hearing on SB 589

Criminal Procedure -Know Your Rights Act

MCDAA POSITION: SUPPORT W/AMENDMENTS

Bill explanation: The bill creates additional responsibilities for police officers for all criminal stops including motor vehicle stops. The bill outlines information a police officer must provide at the commencement of the stop. Information concerning the identity of the officer, the reason for the stop, and the rights of the stopped individual, as well as any other passengers in a vehicle stop, are enumerated and explained.

MCDAA's position: MCDAA members are very supportive of the sponsor's attempts to solve numerous problems encountered by citizens when stopped by a police officer in Maryland. Often, these problems can be eliminated by providing the stopped individual with the information required by this legislation. We will continue to work with the sponsor to craft amendments which will address these issues and eliminate the inequities extant in personal and traffic stops.

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