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**BILL NUMBER:** SB 264

**POSITION:** Support

The Maryland State's Attorney's Association (MSAA) supports SB 264.

SB 264 expands the universe of sexual offenders who would be subject to lifetime supervision as well as enhances the procedure in the event of a knowing or willful violation. This legislation further alters the procedure for a Petition for Discharge by increasing the period of renewal and including victim in the notification process.

These modifications provide needed clarity to the sexual offender lifetime probation violation procedure as a whole. By including those who have been convicted more than once of a registry mandated offense rather than limiting lifetime supervision to particular offenses is a welcome tool to ensure violent sexual offenders are maintained by the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) in a responsible manner.

Further, the incorporation of an enhanced procedure for a Petition for Discharge to include notification to a victim as well as a comprehensive strategy for the provision of risk assessment tools to a Court will ensure that the guesswork is mitigated when a decision to grant or deny such a Petition is made.

This legislation provides common sense alterations to the lifetime supervision system which will undoubtedly facilitate the process and enhance public safety.

For these reasons the MSAA requests a favorable report on SB 264.

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