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**POSITION ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

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**BILL NUMBER:** House Bill 1028                      **Position:** Letter of Information

**BILL TITLE:** Department of State Police – Training Facilities With Firearm Range - Location

**REVIEW AND ANALYSIS**

This legislation establishes the intent of the General Assembly that the Maryland Department of State Police (MDSP) may not locate a firearm range near any building, grounds, or parking lot owned or occupied by a hospital, educational facility, correctional facility or juvenile facility. The legislation requires the MDSP to provide an annual report on the number of firearm ranges in violation of the General Assemblies intent and provide a capital plan to relocate to MDSP firearm ranges in line with their intent.

The MDSP conducts firearms training at seven ranges around the state. In order to save the state capital funds and provide regional training sites to save troopers travel and training time, the MDSP worked with other local and state agencies to use existing training facilities. The MDSP does not own any of the firearms ranges used for training. The only range under direct control of the MDSP is through a lease agreement, that range is Liberty Range - 1 Liberty Dam Rd., Randallstown, MD; Owned by the City of Baltimore.

Three of the seven ranges used by MDSP are located at Department of Corrections (DOC) prisons. These ranges are used through mutual agreement. The locations are as follows:  
*Eastern Correctional Institution* - 30420 Revells Neck Rd., Westover MD;  
*Roxbury Correctional Institution* - 18701 Roxbury Rd., Hagerstown, MD;  
*Western Correctional Institution* - 13800 McMullen Hwy., Cumberland, MD;

The remaining ranges used by the MDSP are not located near any of the facilities mentioned in the legislation. These ranges are used through mutual agreement with the owners:  
*NRP Range* - 3000 1 Star Rd., Queen Anne, MD - Owned by Dept. of Natural Resources  
*Broad Creek Range* - 4440 Flintville Rd., Whiteford, MD - Owned by the Harford Co. Sheriff's Office  
*Patuxent River Naval Air Station* - 21836 Cuddihy Rd., Patuxent River, MD - Owned by Dept. of the Navy

House Bill 1028 requires as part of the annual report, MDSP to study data on trauma and related outcomes due to the location of the firearms ranges and the gunshot decibel and distance thresholds for physical and mental health and safety. As previously stated the MDSP does not own any the firearms ranges used by the MDSP. In fact, MDSP is only one of many users of

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each range. Yet, MDSP is required to conduct a study on the impact of these ranges to the surrounding community. The MDSP does not have any expertise on “data on trauma outcomes” or “gunshot decibel and distance thresholds”. Additionally, House Bill 1028 fails to define the term “near”. MDSP used .5 miles as a starting point, but the bill does not provide any additional guidance.