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The Honorable Luke Clippinger, Chair and Members of the Judiciary Committee

RE: HB 582 – Public Safety – Police Accountability – Time Limit for Filing Administrative Charges

POSITION: SUPPORT with Amendments

The Maryland Troopers Association (MTA) has a membership strength of approximately 2,629 members of which 1,120 are active sworn Troopers involved in traffic and criminal enforcement throughout the State of Maryland.

We support House Bill 582 with amendments. As written, this bill requires a law enforcement agency to file an administrative charge arising from an investigation of an alleged police officer misconduct and is not required to be reviewed by an administrative charging committee within 1 year and 1 day from the date of the incident.

We support the FOP's amendment altering section E to read "The administrative charging committee or the law enforcement agency shall file any administrative charges of alleged police officer misconduct that relates to activity that reasonably appears to be the subject of a criminal investigation, within 1 year and 1 day from when the investigating law enforcement agency determines that the matter isn't criminal, the final disposition of related criminal charges, or receipt of a declination to charge from the appropriate prosecutorial authority".

Therefore, the Maryland Troopers Association supports HB 582 and requests a favorable report with the amendments provided.

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