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

**RE: HB 188 – Public Safety – Police Accountability – Time Limit for Filing
Administrative Charges**

POSITION: SUPPORT

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.

The Maryland Troopers association is supportive of House Bill 188 . 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 also support the added language stating that 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.

The Maryland Troopers Association supports HB 188 and requests a favorable report.

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