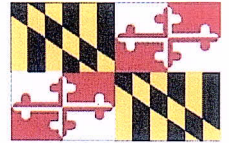




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HB 129 - Criminal Procedure - Location Information - Exigent Circumstances (Kelsey Smith Act for Maryland)

Dear Chairman Clippinger and Distinguished Members of the Judiciary Committee,

The Maryland State Fraternal Order of Police **SUPPORTS** House Bill 129 - **Criminal Procedure - Location Information - Exigent Circumstances (Kelsey Smith Act for Maryland)**.

This bill will mandate that at the request of a law enforcement Agency under specific exigent circumstances a service provider shall provide the location information of an electronic device. This vital piece of information will allow for the quick and immediate location of a person that could be in dire emergent need of assistance. Specific incidents would include an endangered missing person, a victim of abduction, as well as other missing persons where the circumstances lead one to believe the person isn't missing by a purposeful act of themselves, such as an off road traffic accident that incapacitates the victim. A **FAVORABLE** vote on HB 129 would allow the police to locate the person before the circumstances turn tragic or fatal. This bill also would protect those that cooperate as long as they are following the mandates of the law. This bill can only save lives and should be enacted.

On behalf of the more than 20,000 Courageous Men and Women of the Maryland Fraternal Order of Police we thank you for your support and ask for your **FAVORABLE** vote on **House Bill 129 - Criminal Procedure - Location Information - Exigent Circumstances (Kelsey Smith Act for Maryland)**

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