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POSITION ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION

BILL: HB 1448 Motor Vehicle Administration - Driving Records-Expungement

FROM: Maryland Office of the Public Defender

POSITION: Favorable

DATE: February 26, 2024

The Office of the Public Defender respectfully requests that the Committee issues a favorable report for House Bill 1448.

House Bill 1448 offers a very common sense solution to an ongoing quandary when two State agencies do not communicate.

Currently, when a criminal traffic case has been expunged under Criminal Procedure Article §10-105 or §10-110, the matter is not expunged from the individual's driving record. The driving record will continue to have information about the matter that has been expunged from police or court records.

House Bill 1448 is a simple solution to a problem that has never been addressed. It will ensure that an expunged traffic case is also removed from a person's driving record.

For these reasons, the Maryland Office of the Public Defender urges this Committee to issue a favorable report on SB 1448.

Submitted by: Government Relations Division of the Maryland Office of the Public Defender.

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