

HOUSE BILL 1443

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By: **Delegate Glass**

Introduced and read first time: February 12, 2016

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Law Enforcement Agencies – Vehicle and Officer Identification**
3 **Requirements**
4 **(Police Identification and Accountability Act of 2016)**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring a certain law enforcement agency to identify on certain law
6 enforcement vehicles in a certain font size on certain vehicle surfaces information
7 concerning the law enforcement agency; requiring, under certain circumstances, a
8 law enforcement officer to provide a certain driver of a vehicle a business card
9 identifying certain information; defining certain terms; and generally relating to
10 vehicle and officer identification requirements for law enforcement agencies.

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Public Safety
13 Section 3–514
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Public Safety**

19 **3–514.**

20 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
21 **INDICATED.**

22 **(2) “LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §**
23 **3–201 OF THIS TITLE.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(3) “LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER” MEANS ANY PERSON WHO:**

2 **(I) IN AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY, IS AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO MAKE**
3 **ARRESTS; AND**

4 **(II) IS AN EMPLOYEE OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.**

5 **(B) (1) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A BICYCLE, A**
6 **MOTORCYCLE, OR AN UNMARKED VEHICLE EMPLOYED BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT**
7 **AGENCY.**

8 **(2) A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL IDENTIFY, IN A FONT AT**
9 **LEAST 6 INCHES IN HEIGHT, ON THE SIDES OF EACH LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE**
10 **AND, IF APPLICABLE, THE HOOD AND TRUNK OR TAILGATE OF THE VEHICLE:**

11 **(I) THE NAME OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY;**

12 **(II) THE JURISDICTION OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY;**
13 **AND**

14 **(III) IF THE VEHICLE IS EMPLOYED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF**
15 **STATE POLICE, THE BARRACKS LOCATION FROM WHICH THE VEHICLE OPERATES.**

16 **(C) WHENEVER A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER STOPS THE DRIVER OF A**
17 **MOTOR VEHICLE AND DETAINS THE DRIVER FOR ANY PERIOD OF TIME FOR A**
18 **VIOLATION OF THE MARYLAND VEHICLE LAW, THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**
19 **SHALL PROVIDE THE DRIVER A BUSINESS CARD IDENTIFYING:**

20 **(1) THE NAME, BADGE NUMBER, AND, IF APPLICABLE, BARRACKS**
21 **LOCATION OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER; AND**

22 **(2) THE NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT**
23 **OFFICER’S SUPERIOR OFFICER.**

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 October 1, 2016.