

HOUSE BILL 126

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By: **Delegates Ramirez, Vallario, Barnes, Conaway, and Simmons**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Outstanding Arrest Warrants – Drivers’ Licenses and Vehicle Registrations**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of an outstanding warrant for arrest for
4 purposes of certain provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law governing
5 suspension of drivers’ licenses and vehicle registrations under certain
6 circumstances; and generally relating to suspension of drivers’ licenses and
7 vehicle registrations based on outstanding warrants for arrest under certain
8 circumstances.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Transportation
11 Section 13–406(8), 13–406.1(a)(1) and (b), and 16–204(a)(1) and (3) and (b)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Transportation
16 Section 13–406.1(a)(3)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Transportation**

22 13–406.

23 The Administration shall refuse to register or transfer the registration of any
24 vehicle if:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (8) Subject to § 13–406.1 of this subtitle, the applicant is named in an
2 outstanding arrest warrant;

3 13–406.1.

4 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

5 (3) “Outstanding warrant” means an arrest warrant that:

6 (i) A law enforcement agency has attempted, but failed, to
7 serve on the individual named in the warrant due to the inability to locate the
8 individual; and

9 (ii) Is at least ~~[31]~~ **91** days old.

10 (b) Subject to subsection (h) of this section, on notification by a law
11 enforcement agency that an applicant for vehicle registration is named in an
12 outstanding warrant, the Administration shall refuse to register or transfer the
13 registration of any vehicle owned by the applicant.

14 16–204.

15 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

16 (3) “Outstanding warrant” has the meaning stated in § 13–406.1(a)(3)
17 of this article.

18 (b) Subject to subsection (h) of this section, on notification by a law
19 enforcement agency that an individual is named in an outstanding warrant, the
20 Administration shall suspend the individual’s license or privilege to drive in the State.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2010.