

Chapter 134

**(House Bill 954)**

AN ACT concerning

**Public Safety – Deaths Involving a Law Enforcement Officer – Reports**

FOR the purpose of requiring local law enforcement agencies to provide the ~~Department of State Police~~ Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention with certain information on officer-involved deaths and deaths in the line of duty; requiring the ~~Department~~ Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention to report annually certain information on officer-involved deaths and deaths in the line of duty to the General Assembly; requiring the ~~Department~~ Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention to adopt certain procedures for reporting certain deaths; requiring the ~~Department~~ Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention to report certain information on officer-involved deaths and deaths in the line of duty to the General Assembly by a certain date; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the reporting of officer-involved deaths and deaths in the line of duty.

BY adding to  
Article – Public Safety  
Section ~~2-315~~ 3-507  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

**Article – Public Safety**

~~2-315.~~ 3-507.

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

(2) “DEATH IN THE LINE OF DUTY” MEANS THE DEATH OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OCCURRING WHILE THE OFFICER IS ACTING IN THE OFFICER’S OFFICIAL CAPACITY WHILE ON DUTY OR WHILE THE OFFICER IS OFF DUTY, BUT PERFORMING ACTIVITIES THAT ARE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE OFFICER’S OFFICIAL DUTIES.

(3) “LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 2-101 OF THIS TITLE.

(4) (I) “LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 3-101 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(II) “LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER” INCLUDES A PRIVATE SECURITY OFFICER PERFORMING DUTIES AS PART OF A CONTRACT WITH A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

(5) “OFFICER-INVOLVED DEATH” MEANS THE DEATH OF AN INDIVIDUAL RESULTING DIRECTLY FROM AN ACT OR OMISSION OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHILE THE OFFICER IS ON DUTY OR WHILE THE OFFICER IS OFF DUTY, BUT PERFORMING ACTIVITIES THAT ARE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE OFFICER’S OFFICIAL DUTIES.

(B) EVERY YEAR, ~~BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2016~~ ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2016, AND MARCH 1 OF EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR, EACH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL PROVIDE THE ~~DEPARTMENT~~ GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION WITH INFORMATION, FOR THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR, ABOUT EACH OFFICER-INVOLVED DEATH AND DEATH IN THE LINE OF DUTY THAT ~~INVOLVES~~ INVOLVED A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER EMPLOYED BY THE AGENCY, TO INCLUDE AT A MINIMUM:

(1) THE AGE, GENDER, ETHNICITY, ~~GENDER IDENTITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, ETHNICITY, RACE, AND LANGUAGE PREFERENCE~~ AND RACE OF A DECEASED INDIVIDUAL ~~WHO IS NOT A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER;~~

(2) THE AGE, GENDER, ETHNICITY, ~~GENDER IDENTITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, ETHNICITY, RACE, AND LANGUAGE PREFERENCE~~ AND RACE OF THE OFFICER INVOLVED;

(3) ~~THE MANNER OF THE OFFICER OR DECEASED INDIVIDUAL’S DEATH~~ A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE DEATH; ~~AND~~

(4) THE DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF THE DEATH; AND

(5) ~~THE DISPOSITION OF ANY INVESTIGATION, INQUIRY, OR DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING RESULTING FROM THE DEATH~~ THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OF THE OFFICER WHO:

(I) DIED, IF THE INCIDENT INVOLVED AN OFFICER WHO DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY; OR

**(II) DETAINED, ARRESTED, OR WAS IN THE PROCESS OF ARRESTING THE DECEASED, IF THE INCIDENT INVOLVED AN OFFICER-INVOLVED DEATH.**

**(C) THE DEPARTMENT GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION SHALL ADOPT PROCEDURES FOR THE COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS OF THE INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.**

**(D) THE DEPARTMENT GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION SHALL ANALYZE AND DISSEMINATE THE INFORMATION PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.**

**(E) THE DEPARTMENT GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION SHALL MAKE AN ANNUAL REPORT ON THE INCIDENCE OF OFFICER-INVOLVED DEATHS AND DEATHS IN THE LINE OF DUTY IN THE STATE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30 OF EACH YEAR.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) On or before October 15, 2016, the ~~Department of State Police~~ Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the number of officer-involved deaths and deaths in the line of duty that occurred during the previous ~~10~~ 3 calendar years.

(b) The report shall include information as required by § ~~2-315(b)~~ 3-507(b) of the Public Safety Article as enacted by this Act.

(c) ~~Each~~ On or before August 15, 2016, each local law enforcement agency shall provide the ~~Department of State Police~~ Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention with the information described in § ~~2-315(b)~~ 3-507(b) of the Public Safety Article as enacted by this Act for the previous 10 3 calendar year period.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ July 1, 2015.

**Approved by the Governor, May 12, 2015.**