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Senate Bill 760 (2023) and Senate Bill 729 (2024) Updates- Mandated Security Guard Training, new Security Guard Employers requirements, and Security Guard Use of Force Reporting Requirements

In our commitment to provide better service to the public and private sectors of Maryland, the Maryland Department of State Police Licensing Division is in the process of developing and implementing guidelines for the submission of security guard applicants, that are employed by Security Guard Employers, in compliance with Senate Bill 760 (2023), as well as planning for the dissemination of information relating to the mandated 12 hours of initial security guard training sponsored by a Maryland Police Training Commission approved provider.

Senate Bill 760 (2023), which covered these new requirements is set to take effect June 1, 2024. However, during the 2024 General Assembly Session, Senate Bill 729 (2024) was passed by both the House of Delegates and Senate and is awaiting signature of Governor Moore. If signed into law, Senate Bill 729 (2024) will delay the effective date of these requirements to January 1, 2025.

The Maryland State Police Licensing Division will be providing updated information on the new legislative mandates once Senate Bill 729 (2024) is signed into law.

Please direct any questions with regard to Security Guards and Security Guard Employers to Sergeant Christopher Hall or Corporal Erica Ambrose at <u>msp.securityguard@maryland.gov</u>.

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