

# SENATE BILL 590

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By: **Senators Forehand, Madaleno, Montgomery, Muse, and Pinsky**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – SWAT Team Reports – Repeal of Sunset**

3 FOR the purpose of including certain additional information on a certain report  
4 required of a law enforcement agency that maintains a SWAT team; repealing a  
5 certain termination provision; and generally relating to SWAT teams.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article – Public Safety  
8 Section 3–507(b)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Chapters 542 and 543 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2009  
13 Section 2

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

16 **Article – Public Safety**

17 3–507.

18 (b) Every 6 months, beginning January 1, 2010, a law enforcement agency  
19 that maintains a SWAT team shall report the following information to the Governor’s  
20 Office of Crime Control and Prevention using the format developed under subsection  
21 (c) of this section:

22 (1) the number of times the SWAT team was activated and deployed  
23 by the law enforcement agency in the previous 6 months;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) the name of the county or county and municipal corporation and  
2 the zip code of the location where the SWAT team was deployed for each activation;

3 (3) the reason for each activation and deployment of the SWAT team;

4 (4) the legal authority, including type of warrant, if any, for each  
5 activation and deployment of the SWAT team; and

6 (5) the result of each activation and deployment of the SWAT team,  
7 including:

8 (i) the number of arrests made, if any;

9 (ii) whether property was seized;

10 (iii) whether a forcible entry was made;

11 (iv) whether a weapon was discharged by a SWAT team  
12 member; [and]

13 (v) whether a person or domestic animal was injured or killed  
14 by a SWAT team member;

15 (VI) WHETHER FIREARMS WERE RECOVERED AT THE  
16 LOCATION WHERE THE SWAT TEAM WAS DEPLOYED, INCLUDING THE NUMBER  
17 AND TYPES; AND

18 (VII) WHETHER A SWAT TEAM MEMBER OR OTHER LAW  
19 ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WAS INJURED OR KILLED DURING THE ACTIVATION  
20 AND DEPLOYMENT OF THE SWAT TEAM.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland  
22 read as follows:

23 **Chapters 542 and 543 of the Acts of 2009**

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
25 July 1, 2009. [It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of June  
26 30, 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
27 abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

28 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
29 October 1, 2013.