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## ADVISORY

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### Senate Bills 760 and 729 - Exemptions and Requirements for Certain Government Entities

The Maryland Department of State Police, Licensing Division is disseminating the following information, to provide clarification and guidance regarding the requirements of Senate Bills 760 (2023) and 729 (2024).

In compliance with established case law, government entities are exempt from the requirements of Senate Bill 760 (2023) for the following reasons:

- ***A State, county or municipal entity is not a "person" and, therefore, is not a "security guard employer."***
- ***"Security guard" is defined in new 19-101(k)(2)(i) to mean "an employee of a security guard employer." A State, county or municipal entity is not a "security guard employer" and, therefore, an individual employed by the State, county or municipal entity is not a "security guard."***

Government Entities that meet the definition of a Health Care Facility, as defined in §19-114 of the Health-General Article, are exempt from the requirements of SB 760, however, these entities are not exempt from the reporting requirement in SB 729 (2024). SB 729 (2024) requires the employer of a Security Guard providing Security Guard services on the premises of a Health Care Facility, as defined in §19-114 of the Health-General Article, to report every 7 days the number of Code Greens initiated for combative persons and Code Purples initiated for Security-Only responses, as these codes are identified in Title 10 of the Code of Maryland Regulations, that occurred in the previous 7 days.

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This guidance applies to state universities, public schools and all government entities, however, private schools, private universities and all private entities do not qualify for an exemption from the requirements of Senate Bills 760 and 729.

Additionally, active police officers who are certified by the Maryland Police Training Commission are exempt from required security guard training. A former or retired police officer, submitting an application within three years of separation is also exempt from the required security guard training. Supporting documentation is required for any training exemption for prior law enforcement.

The MDSP Licensing Portal homepage and the Security Guard Employer Registration link can be found here: [Maryland State Police Licensing Portal](#)

A complete copy of Senate Bill 760 (2023) can be found here: [SB 760 \(2023\)](#)

A complete copy of Senate Bill 729 (2024) can be found here: [SB 729 \(2024\)](#)

Additional information can be found on the MDSP Licensing Division website at: [Maryland State Police Licensing Division](#). Specific questions can be emailed to: [mSP.professionallicensing@maryland.gov](mailto:mSP.professionallicensing@maryland.gov).

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