

Maryland State Police Licensing Division Bulletin



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New laws effective October 1, 2015 for Special Police Officers

The laws will affect Special Police Officers in the following areas:

- 1) Process of Fingerprinting
- 2) Expiration of an initial commission
- 3) Delegation of power to suspend a Special Police Commission

An applicant will no longer submit ink fingerprint cards or fingerprint fees to the Maryland State Police. The process of an applicant being fingerprinted will be completed by a Livescan technician at the location of a fingerprinting service provider and the fees will be paid directly to that provider. The applicant will submit a copy of the Livescan receipt with their application.

For a list of fingerprint service providers;

<http://www.dpscs.state.md.us/publicservs/fingerprint.shtml>

The expiration of an initial Special Police Commission has increased from two (2) year to a three (3) year term.

The Governor may delegate the power to suspend a commission to the Secretary. The Secretary may suspend a commission if it appears the action is in the best interest of the public's safety. A suspension shall be reviewed by the Governor within 30 days.

To review the new laws, please go to the following website:

<https://www.lexisnexis.com/hottopics/mdcode/>. Once on the website, click Public Safety, Title 3, Subtitle 3: Special Police officers.