



Bill Summary

Business Occupations and Professions - Security Guards - Use of Force Reporting, Standards, and Certifications

Senate Bill 729

BILL SUMMARY

SB 729 delays the implementation of legislation that passed in 2023 ([Chapter 763 of the Acts of 2023](#)) to require all security guards, who are employees of a security guard agency or security guard employer and providing security guard services, to be certified by the Maryland State Police and meet training requirements developed by the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission. SB 729 provides an alternative reporting requirement for security guards working on the premises of a health care facility as defined in [Health General 19-114](#), to allow for aggregate reporting every seven days of the number of code greens and code purples initiated instead of individual use of force reporting as required by security guards working in other sectors.

WHAT'S NEXT

- The training and certification requirements for security guards take effect Jan. 1, 2025
- The new reporting requirements will be effective Jan. 1, 2025
- Before the implementation date, MHA will work with the Maryland State Police, the International Association for Healthcare Security and Safety, and members to discuss reporting.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Inform your security directors and human resources leads of the new requirements and delayed implementation date. Review the current use of code greens and code purples in your hospital. Participate in MHA convenings on this topic.

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

- This bill delays the effective date of legislation passed in 2023 ([Chapter 763 of the Acts of 2023](#)) to Jan. 1, 2025. After this date, all security guards will be required to:
 - Apply to Maryland State Police to be certified
 - Complete 12 hours of initial training approved by the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission. This training requirement must be met to submit for certification. This training requirement is waived for security guards who have been employed as a police officer in the three years immediately preceding the application.
 - More information about certification and required training is available [online](#)
- Allows the employer of a security guard providing services on the premise of a health care facility as defined in [Health General 19-114](#) to submit in aggregate the number of code greens and code purples initiated. This reporting is required to be submitted to the Maryland State Police every seven days.
- Code greens and code purples are uniform emergency codes defined in [Md. Code Regs. 10.07.01.33](#). Code greens are defined as combative persons, and code purples are defined as security-only response.