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Date: September 28, 2018
Bulletin: Title Services
From: Business Licensing and Consumer Services
RE: Clarification of HB1065 – Bond Clarification

Effective October 1, 2018, HB 1065 Vehicle Laws – Title Service Agents affects the surety bond amount requirement. The bill increased the bond amount from \$25,000 to \$50,000. The increased bond amount of \$50,000 must be in effect no later than October 1, 2018.

A surety bond is required for each registered business entity, not each location. Please make sure to refer to the most recent Title Service Agents Licensing Packet here:

<http://www.mva.maryland.gov/businesses/docs/Title-Service-Agents-License-Packet.pdf>

The instruction sheet for the bond reads “A bond is required for each licensed business entity.”

A rider on the surety bond for the existing policy is acceptable until the renewal of the bond where the full amount can be written into the policy. The CS-071 form (Surety Bond of Title Service Agent) will be published on October 1, 2018 for all new policies and renewals after that the bill goes into effect.

For more information on the bill, please visit

<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2018RS/bills/hb/hb1065F.pdf>

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at (410) 787-2950 or email at mvablcsd@mva.maryland.gov.