

SENATE BILL 607

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Police Accountability and Discipline – Summary Punishment**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the imposition of certain summary punishment of a police
4 officer under certain circumstances; and generally relating to police accountability
5 and discipline.

6 BY adding to
7 Article – Public Safety
8 Section 3–106.1
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Public Safety**

14 **3–106.1.**

15 **(A) THIS SUBTITLE DOES NOT PROHIBIT SUMMARY PUNISHMENT BY**
16 **HIGHER RANKING POLICE OFFICERS AS DESIGNATED BY THE CHIEF.**

17 **(B) SUMMARY PUNISHMENT MAY BE IMPOSED FOR A MINOR VIOLATION OF**
18 **LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY RULES AND REGULATIONS IF THE FACTS THAT**
19 **CONSTITUTE THE MINOR VIOLATION ARE NOT IN DISPUTE.**

20 **(C) SUMMARY PUNISHMENT MAY NOT EXCEED A WRITTEN REPRIMAND.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(D) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE RELATING TO POLICE**
2 **ACCOUNTABILITY BOARDS, ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGING COMMITTEES, AND TRIAL**
3 **BOARDS DO NOT APPLY TO THE IMPOSITION OF SUMMARY PUNISHMENT.**

4 **(E) SUMMARY PUNISHMENT IS NOT APPEALABLE BY THE POLICE OFFICER.**

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 October 1, 2024.