

SENATE BILL 607

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By: **Senators Folden, Bailey, Salling, Smith, and West**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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CHAPTER _____

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 THAT DOES NOT INVOLVE**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



AN INTERACTION BETWEEN THE POLICE OFFICER AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
IF:

(1) THE FACTS THAT CONSTITUTE THE MINOR VIOLATION ARE NOT IN
DISPUTE;

(2) THE POLICE OFFICER AGREES THE FACTS THAT CONSTITUTE THE
MINOR VIOLATION ARE NOT IN DISPUTE; AND

(3) THE POLICE OFFICER ACCEPTS THE SUMMARY PUNISHMENT.

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

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

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

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.