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HB 15

Police Discipline – Order to Show Cause

Support

HB 15 authorizes a law enforcement officer, who has been administratively charged either by the Administrative Charging Committee or the law enforcement agency, to file a Petition to Show Cause in the Circuit Court -- if the officer believes that a right granted under the Maryland Police Accountability Act has been denied or violated. The Petition must be filed prior to the start of hearing in the jurisdiction that is consistent with the appeal rights at the conclusion of a hearing.

Additionally, if a Circuit Court Judge agrees that the law enforcement officer's rights were violated, the Judge has the option to order the appropriate remedy. The law enforcement agency is required to remedy the violation in lieu of possibly requiring the law enforcement agency to hold a second hearing on the same alleged administrative violation.