

HOUSE BILL 1560

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Introduced and read first time: February 22, 2016

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Police Officer Certification Applicant – Prior Marijuana Use**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing that the Police Training Commission may not require that
4 an individual applying for initial certification as a police officer not have used or
5 possessed marijuana before submitting the application for certification; providing
6 that this Act does not preclude prohibiting a police officer from the use or possession
7 of marijuana after the officer's initial certification as a police officer; and generally
8 relating to police officers.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Public Safety

11 Section 3–209.2

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Public Safety**

17 **3–209.2.**

18 **(A) THE COMMISSION MAY NOT REQUIRE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL APPLYING**
19 **FOR INITIAL CERTIFICATION AS A POLICE OFFICER NOT HAVE USED OR POSSESSED**
20 **MARIJUANA BEFORE SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION.**

21 **(B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PRECLUDE PROHIBITING A POLICE OFFICER**
22 **FROM USING OR POSSESSING MARIJUANA AFTER THE OFFICER'S INITIAL**
23 **CERTIFICATION AS A POLICE OFFICER.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2016.