

HOUSE BILL 666

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By: **Delegate Grammer**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2022

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Law Enforcement – Quotas**

3 FOR the purpose of altering a prohibition against using the number of arrests made or
4 citations issued by a law enforcement officer as a criterion for the promotion,
5 demotion, dismissal, or transfer of the officer; prohibiting law enforcement agencies
6 from requesting or directing certain actions by a law enforcement officer; and
7 generally relating to law enforcement quotas.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Public Safety
10 Section 3–504(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Public Safety
15 Section 3–504(b)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Public Safety**

21 3–504.

22 (a) In this section, “quota” means the mandating of a finite number of arrests
23 made or citations issued that a law enforcement officer must meet in a specified time period.

24 (b) A law enforcement agency may not:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) establish a formal or informal quota for the law enforcement agency or
2 law enforcement officers of the agency; [or]

3 (2) use the number of arrests made or citations issued by a law enforcement
4 officer as [the sole or primary] A criterion for promotion, demotion, dismissal, or transfer
5 of the officer; **OR**

6 **(3) REQUEST ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS OR DIRECT AN OFFICER TO**
7 **ACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING THE NUMBER OF CITATIONS OR ARRESTS**
8 **DELIVERED BY THE OFFICER.**

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 October 1, 2022.