

HOUSE BILL 31

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HB 537/25 – JUD

(PRE-FILED)

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By: Delegate Cardin

Requested: September 25, 2025

Introduced and read first time: January 14, 2026

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Police Discipline – Order to Show Cause

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a police officer who is denied a certain right to apply to the
4 circuit court at a certain time for an order that directs the law enforcement agency
5 to show cause why the right should not be granted; and generally relating to police
6 disciplinary proceedings.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Public Safety

9 Section 3-113.1

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

14 Article – Public Safety

15 3-113.1.

16 (A) AT ANY TIME BEFORE A HEARING IS HELD BY THE HEARING BOARD
17 UNDER § 3-106 OF THIS SUBTITLE, A POLICE OFFICER WHO IS DENIED A RIGHT
18 GRANTED BY THIS SUBTITLE MAY APPLY TO THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR AN ORDER
19 THAT DIRECTS THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY TO SHOW CAUSE WHY THE RIGHT
20 SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED.

21 (B) THE POLICE OFFICER SHALL MAKE THE APPLICATION:

22 (1) IF THE POLICE OFFICER IS AN EMPLOYEE OF A COUNTYWIDE OR

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, TO THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY IN
2 WHICH THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IS LOCATED; AND

3 (2) IF THE POLICE OFFICER IS AN EMPLOYEE OF A STATEWIDE OR
4 BICOUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, TO THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE
5 ARUNDEL COUNTY.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 2026.