

HOUSE BILL 794

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HB 1435/25 – JUD

By: **Delegates Acevero, Foley, Ivey, Martinez, Ruff, Spiegel, and Woorman**

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2026

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission –**
3 **Prohibition Against Certain Affiliation or Support by Police Officers**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to
5 prohibit police officers from affiliating with, supporting, or advocating for White
6 supremacist groups, ideologies, or causes or participating in or actively promoting a
7 certain extremist group; and generally relating to the Maryland Police Training and
8 Standards Commission.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Public Safety
11 Section 3–201(a) and (b)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

14 BY adding to
15 Article – Public Safety
16 Section 3–207(p)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Public Safety**

22 3–201.

23 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



3 3-207.

4 (P) (1) (I) IN THIS SUBSECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE
5 MEANINGS INDICATED.

(II) "BIPOC" MEANS BLACK PEOPLE, INDIGENOUS PEOPLE, AND PEOPLE OF COLOR.

2. PROMOTE RELIGIOUS AND RACIAL BIGOTRY;

(2) THE COMMISSION SHALL PROHIBIT POLICE OFFICERS FROM:

19 (I) AFFILIATING WITH, SUPPORTING, OR ADVOCATING FOR
20 WHITE SUPREMACIST GROUPS, CAUSES, OR IDEOLOGIES; OR

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