



State Law Enforcement Officers Labor Alliance

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The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr.
Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**Re: SB 321 - Policing Authority - Comptroller's Office and Alcohol and Tobacco
Commission**

Dear Chairman Smith:

Good afternoon Chairman and members of the committee. I am Jimmy Dulay, a First Sergeant with the Maryland State Police, and the President of the State Law Enforcement Officers Labor Alliance (SLEOLA) which is the exclusive representative for approximately 1,800 active law enforcement officers.

I am here to testify in support of SB 321. SB 321 is important legislation that follows-up on the transfer of represented agents of the Comptroller's Field Enforcement Division to the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission. With the creation of the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission (ATC) it was ensured that our members of the former Field Enforcement Division would be transferred without any loss of pay, benefits, and working conditions.

SB 321 would ensure our represented membership has the proper authority and protections in place to perform their duties as sworn law enforcement officers. SB 321 grants employees of the Division of the Office of the Executive Director of the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission who are authorized to make arrests the powers of police and peace officers and classifies them as police officers and law enforcement officers (1) subject to the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights (LEOBR) and (2) eligible for certification by the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission (MPTSC). The bill also replaces the Field Enforcement Division of the Comptroller's Office with the Public Safety Bureau and makes conforming changes.

I would like to thank the sponsors of this bill, and would ask the committee for favorable support of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Dulay
President

cc: Members, Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee