

HB1051 Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights - Identification Tags and Badges - Name Requirement

Stance: Oppose

Testimony: My name is Adiena C. Britt and I reside in the 45th Legislative District of Baltimore City. I am writing to offer my Opposition to bill HB1051. I am opposed to any bill that is proposed to further amend, tweak, or adjust anything within the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights. The LEOBR needs to be fully repealed. FULL STOP. Enough is enough. The LEOBR has no other use but to make law enforcement officers above the law and elevates them above every other citizen who have rights under the Constitution. This "Bill of Rights" not only goes beyond what any rational person would consider to be expected civil rights according to The Constitution of the United States; but it actually gives the Police in the State of MD a license to participate in misconduct. Their own Chiefs and Commissioners don't have any recourse on "bad apple" officers, like they like to call them. Outside of reassignment to another precinct or division, they can't even supply the type of discipline that any other Boss in any other profession would be able to in every other industry in the State of MD. I won't even call the LEOBR "redundant" because that would imply that it has some "good points" to it, and that is not the case. The LEOBR amounts to a license to abuse their power, assault, harass, disparage, maim, falsely accuse, and even kill people. The LEOBR leaves these "bad apples" within the system to wreak havoc on citizens and even receive promotions; because their superiors, our lawmakers, and State's Attorneys are LEGALLY not allowed to punish them. Please stop trying to fix a bad law. Just REPEAL the LEOBR entirely and you can cease having to "Fix" it.

Thank you.

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