



Maryland Chiefs of Police Association Maryland Sheriffs' Association



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable William Smith, Jr., Chair and
Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee

FROM: Darren Popkin, Executive Director, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee
Andrea Mansfield, Representative, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee
Natasha Mehu, Representative, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee

DATE: March 1, 2023

RE: **SB 571 Public Safety – Police Accountability – Time Limit for Filing
Administrative Charges**

POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS

The Maryland Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA) and the Maryland Sheriffs' Association (MSA) SUPPORT SB 571 WITH THE AMENDMENTS offered by the sponsor.

This bill provides clarification as to when a law enforcement agency is required to file administrative charges arising out of an investigation of alleged police misconduct. As introduced, MCPA and MSA had concerns that the one year and one day time frame began from the date of the incident, not when the law enforcement agency became aware of the incident. The bill also did not consider criminal investigations that may result from incident and how that might affect the filing of administrative proceedings.

MCPA and MSA have worked with the bill sponsor and the Fraternal Order of Police on amendments to address these matters. Therefore, MCPA and MSA SUPPORT SB 571 and urge the Committee to move the bill favorable with the amendments offered by the sponsor.