

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

May 26, 1994

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 73.

This bill would alter the procedure the chief of a law enforcement agency must follow to increase a disciplinary penalty from that recommended by a hearing board.

House Bill 1604, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 26, 1994, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 73.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

Senate Bill No. 73

AN ACT concerning

Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights - Final Order

FOR the purpose of ~~repealing a provision that the recommendations of a hearing board in certain proceedings relating to a law enforcement officer are not binding upon the chief of the law enforcement agency; requiring a chief in certain proceedings to affirm or decrease a penalty recommended by a hearing board; repealing a provision requiring a chief, in certain proceedings, to review the record of a hearing board's proceedings prior to increasing a recommended penalty; repealing a provision requiring a chief, in certain proceedings, to allow a law enforcement officer to be heard; repealing a provision requiring a law enforcement chief, in certain circumstances, to state the reasons for an increase in a recommended penalty for a law enforcement officer; requiring a chief law enforcement officer to take certain steps before increasing the recommended penalty of a hearing board in certain proceedings relating to a law enforcement officer; and generally relating to decisions of chiefs of law enforcement agencies concerning recommendations of punishment.~~