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Approved March 16, 1945.

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CHAPTER 295.

(House Bill 29)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 15 of Article 88B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "State Police", authorizing the Superintendent of State Police to demote in rank employees below the rank of commissioned officer.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 15 of Article 88B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "State Police", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

15. The Superintendent shall have full power and authority to suspend, for a period of thirty days, without pay, any employee of the Department for such cause as may seem fit to him. The Superintendent shall have full power and authority to demote in rank any employee of the Department below the rank of commissioned officer, for such cause as may seem fit to him. The Superintendent may demote any commissioned officer, for cause, if charges are preferred, in accordance with the provisions of the Merit System, and no such demotion shall be final until after a hearing has been held in accordance with the provisions of the Merit System. The findings of the State Employment Commissioner shall be binding upon the Superintendent. The Superintendent may discharge any employee of the Department for cause, if charges have been preferred, in accordance with the provisions of the Merit System, and no such discharge shall be final until after a hearing has been held in accordance with the provisions of the Merit System. The findings of the State Employment Commissioner shall be binding upon the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall have full power and authority to suspend or discharge probationers without a hearing.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1945.

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