

any order directing the law-enforcement agency to show cause why the right should not be afforded.

734A.

The provisions of this subtitle are not intended to prohibit summary punishment or emergency suspension by higher ranking law-enforcement officers as may be designated by the head of a law-enforcement agency.

(1) Summary punishment may be imposed for minor violations of departmental rules and regulations when: (i) The facts which constitute the minor violation are not in dispute; (ii) the officer waives the hearing provided by this subtitle; and (iii) the officer accepts the punishment imposed by the highest ranking officer of the unit to which the officer is attached.

(2) Emergency suspension may be imposed by the chief when it appears that the action is in the best interest of the public and the law-enforcement agency. Any person so suspended shall be entitled to a prompt hearing.

734B.

Except for the administrative hearing process provided for in Article 41, § 70A concerning the certification enforcement power of the Police Training Commission, the provisions of this subtitle shall supercede any State, county or municipal law, ordinance, or regulation that conflicts with the provisions of this subtitle, and any local legislation shall be preempted by the subject and material of this subtitle.

734C.

Any person who knowingly makes a false statement, report, or complaint in the course of an investigation or any proceeding conducted under the provisions of this subtitle is subject to the same penalties as provided in Article 27, § 150.

734D.

Any officer may waive in writing any or all rights provided in this subtitle.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having 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, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 21, 1985.