

(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) (I) Emergency suspension WITH PAY 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.

(II) IF THE OFFICER IS SUSPENDED WITH PAY, THE CHIEF MAY SUSPEND THE POLICE POWERS OF THE OFFICER AND REASSIGN THE OFFICER TO RESTRICTED DUTIES PENDING A DETERMINATION BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION WITH RESPECT TO ANY CRIMINAL VIOLATION OR FINAL DETERMINATION BY AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING BOARD AS TO ANY DEPARTMENTAL VIOLATION.

(III) Any person so suspended shall be entitled to a prompt hearing.

(3) (I) EMERGENCY SUSPENSION OF POLICE POWERS WITHOUT PAY MAY BE IMPOSED BY THE CHIEF IF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER HAS BEEN INDICTED FOR CHARGED WITH THE COMMISSION OF A FELONY.

(II) ANY PERSON SO SUSPENDED SHALL BE ENTITLED TO A PROMPT HEARING.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1987.

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CHAPTER 778

(House Bill 706)

AN ACT concerning

Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights - Emergency Suspension

FOR the purpose of authorizing the emergency suspension with pay of a law enforcement officer under certain circumstances; authorizing the chief of a law enforcement officer to suspend the police powers of an officer suspended with pay and to reassign that officer to certain duties pending certain judicial or administrative determinations concerning criminal or police departmental violations by the officer;