

HOUSE BILL 1435

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HB 88/23 – JUD

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By: **Delegates Acevero, Martinez, Ruff, Smith, and Young**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2025

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission –**
3 **Prohibition Against Certain Affiliation or Support by Police Officers**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to
5 prohibit police officers from affiliating with, supporting, or advocating for White
6 supremacist groups, ideologies, or causes or participating in or actively promoting a
7 certain extremist group; and generally relating to the Maryland Police Training and
8 Standards Commission.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Public Safety
11 Section 3–201(a) and (b)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

14 BY adding to
15 Article – Public Safety
16 Section 3–207(o)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
20 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article – Public Safety**

22 3–201.

23 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(b) “Commission” means the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission.

3–207.

(O) (1) (I) IN THIS SUBSECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(II) “BIPOC” MEANS BLACK PEOPLE, INDIGENOUS PEOPLE, AND PEOPLE OF COLOR.

(III) “WHITE SUPREMACIST GROUPS, CAUSES, OR IDEOLOGIES” MEANS GROUPS, CAUSES, OR IDEOLOGIES THAT:

1. PROMOTE WHITE SUPREMACY AND THE IDEA THAT WHITE PEOPLE ARE SUPERIOR TO BIPOC;

2. PROMOTE RELIGIOUS AND RACIAL BIGOTRY;

3. SEEK TO EXACERBATE RACIAL AND ETHNIC TENSIONS BETWEEN BIPOC AND NON-BIPOC; OR

4. ENGAGE IN PATENTLY HATEFUL AND INFLAMMATORY SPEECH, INTIMIDATION, AND VIOLENCE AGAINST BIPOC AS A MEANS OF PROMOTING WHITE SUPREMACY.

(2) THE COMMISSION SHALL PROHIBIT POLICE OFFICERS FROM:

(I) AFFILIATING WITH, SUPPORTING, OR ADVOCATING FOR WHITE SUPREMACIST GROUPS, CAUSES, OR IDEOLOGIES; OR

(II) PARTICIPATING IN OR ACTIVELY PROMOTING AN INTERNATIONAL OR DOMESTIC EXTREMIST GROUP THAT THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION HAS DETERMINED SUPPORTS OR ENCOURAGES ILLEGAL VIOLENT CONDUCT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2025.