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HOUSE DRH70345-MA-364A (03/26)

Short Title: Law Enforcement Officer Protection Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Jones.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO CREATE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER LEGAL RIGHTS
3 PROTECTION ACT.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Article 27 of Chapter 15A of the General Statutes reads as rewritten:

6 "Article 27.

7 "Law Enforcement Officers Right to Representation.

8 **§ 15A-548. Law enforcement officers right to representation.**

9 A sworn law-enforcement officer shall have the right to representation by a representative
10 of the officer's chosen employee organization, or the designee of such organization, during an
11 interrogation or questioning by a member of the employing law enforcement agency when the
12 law enforcement officer is the subject of an internal or administrative investigation that may
13 result in disciplinary action. If representation is requested, a reasonable period of time shall be
14 afforded to the employee to obtain such representation, but not longer than 24 hours."

15 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2009, and applies to
16 investigations initiated on or after that date.



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