

HB 1245 -- LAW ENFORCEMENT

SPONSOR: Curtman

This bill prohibits immediate disciplinary action against a peace officer who fails to follow an order issued by a supervisor or individual with authority to hire, fire, or discipline the officer if he or she believes the order is unlawful or made information public that under reasonable circumstances would benefit the public if made known.

The bill allows a peace officer to request an administrative hearing regarding any disciplinary action taken in violation of this provision. A peace officer who requests an administrative hearing may also file a civil action for damages within 90 days of the alleged violation. This bill allows the court to award actual damages, the costs of litigation, and reasonable attorney fees to the peace officer.