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Legislative Restrictions

PURPOSE:

The intent of this regulation is to inform recruit officers, and remind other officers, of the major restrictions imposed by law on police officers.

POLICY

1. **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LAW - (ABCL§128).** Prohibits police officers from having any interest in the sale or manufacture of alcoholic beverages.
2. **ELECTION LAW - (EL§17-110)** prohibits a police officer from using his office or powers to aid or oppose any political party, to reward or retaliate against any police officer with respect to voting or party affiliation, or to solicit funds for a political or other such organization.
3. **RACING, WAGERING, AND BREEDING LAW – (RWBL§107)** prohibits police officers from holding any office or employment with any firm that is licensed to conduct pari-mutual racing; conduct its business at racetracks where pari-mutual race meets are conducted; owns or leases to a licensed entity racetrack at which pari-mutual racing is conducted in the management of any licensee conducting pari-mutual racing.
4. State and Municipal police officers are also subject to the provisions of **PUBLIC OFFICERS LAW, Article 4** and **GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW Article 18** respectively. These statutes deal mainly with conflicts of interest. They impose certain prohibitions on activities by public officers and employees of municipal governments. The proscribed activities include:
 - a. Acceptance of gifts worth more than \$75.
 - b. Disclosure of confidential information learned in the course of official duties.
 - c. Receiving compensation for providing services relating to matters before an agency of which they are an employee.
 - d. The same law also imposes several affirmative duties, including:
 - i. Disclosure of any interest in any contract or dealings with the employing government.
 - ii. Disclosure of the fact that a municipal or State employee has an interest in any real property for which an application for any sort of variance is made.
 - iii. Effective January 1, 1991, annual filing of financial disclosure forms is required of certain employees.