

A bill for an act

relating to police officers; permitting police officers to be represented by an attorney and a union representative at disciplinary hearing; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 626.89, subdivision 9.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 626.89, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

Subd. 9. **Presence of attorney ~~or~~ and union representative.** The officer whose formal statement is taken has the right to have ~~an attorney or a union representative of the officer's choosing~~ or an attorney retained by the officer, or both, present during the session. The officer may request the presence of ~~an~~ the attorney or the union representative, or both, at any time before or during the session. When a request under this subdivision is made, no formal statement may be taken until a reasonable opportunity is provided for the officer to obtain the presence of the attorney or the union representative.