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POLICE POWER... PAGE 801 Police power: An authority conferred by the American constitutional system in the Tenth Amendment, U.S. Const., upon the individual states, and in turn delegated to local governments, through which that are enabled to establish a special department of police; adopt such laws and regulations as tend prevent the commission of fraud and crime, and secure generally the comfort, safety, morals, health, and prosperity of its citizens by preserving the public order; preventing a conflict of rights in the common intercourse of the citizens, and enjoyment of all the privileges conferred upon him or her by the general laws. The power of the State to place restraints on personal freedom and property rights of persons for the protection of the public safety, health, and morals or the promotion of the public convenience and general prosperity. The police power is subject to the limitations of the federal and State constitutions, and especially to the requirement of due process. Police power is the exercise of the sovereign right of a government to promote order; safety, security, health, morals and general welfare within constitutional limits and is an essential attribute of government. Read this closely citizen v person