

SENATE BILL 661

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CF HB 707

By: **Senator Sydnor**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Law Enforcement – Use of Body–Worn Cameras**

3 FOR the purpose of altering certain provisions of law to require a certain law enforcement
4 agency to require the use of body–worn cameras, subject to a certain policy, by each
5 sworn law enforcement officer, regardless of rank, employed by the law enforcement
6 agency while the officer is in uniform, in public, and conducting law enforcement
7 related duties; and generally relating to the use of body–worn cameras by law
8 enforcement officers.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Public Safety
11 Section 3–511(c)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Public Safety**

17 3–511.

18 (c) (1) (i) This paragraph applies to:

- 19 1. the Department of State Police;
- 20 2. the Anne Arundel County Police Department;
- 21 3. the Howard County Police Department; and
- 22 4. the Harford County Sheriff's Office.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) [On or before July 1, 2023, a] **A** law enforcement agency to which
2 this paragraph applies shall require the use of body–worn cameras, subject to the policy on
3 the use of body–worn cameras developed by the law enforcement agency, by each **SWORN**
4 law enforcement officer, **REGARDLESS OF RANK**, employed by the law enforcement agency
5 [who regularly interacts with members of the public as part of the law enforcement officer’s
6 official duties] **WHILE THE OFFICER IS IN UNIFORM, IN PUBLIC, AND CONDUCTING**
7 **LAW ENFORCEMENT RELATED DUTIES.**

8 (2) On or before July 1, 2025, a law enforcement agency of a county, other
9 than a law enforcement agency described in paragraph (1) of this subsection, shall require
10 the use of body–worn cameras, subject to the policy on the use of body–worn cameras
11 developed by the law enforcement agency, by each **SWORN** law enforcement officer,
12 **REGARDLESS OF RANK**, employed by the law enforcement agency [who regularly interacts
13 with members of the public as part of the law enforcement officer’s official duties] **WHILE**
14 **THE OFFICER IS IN UNIFORM, IN PUBLIC, AND CONDUCTING LAW ENFORCEMENT**
15 **RELATED DUTIES.**

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2024.