

HOUSE BILL 116

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By: **Delegate Conaway**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Law Enforcement Officers – Video Cameras**

3 FOR the purpose of ~~requiring~~ authorizing a certain law enforcement officer to wear a
4 video camera affixed to the law enforcement officer's uniform while on duty;
5 ~~requiring that any interaction between a law enforcement officer and a member~~
6 ~~of the public be recorded; prohibiting a video camera from making an audio~~
7 ~~recording;~~ requiring that a recording be preserved by a law enforcement agency
8 for a certain period of time; requiring a law enforcement agency to develop
9 certain policies and procedures; providing that this Act does not apply to a law
10 enforcement officer who is on detective duty; defining certain terms; and
11 generally relating to law enforcement officers and video cameras.

12 BY adding to

13 Article – Public Safety

14 Section 3–509

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Public Safety**

20 **3–509.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE
2 MEANINGS INDICATED.

3 (2) “AUDIO RECORDING” MEANS A RECORDED CONVERSATION
4 BETWEEN AN OFFICER AND ANOTHER PERSON.

5 (3) “LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN
6 § 3-101(E) OF THIS TITLE.

7 (B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
8 WHO IS ON DETECTIVE DUTY.

9 (C) (1) A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ~~SHALL~~ MAY WEAR A VIDEO
10 CAMERA AFFIXED TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER’S UNIFORM WHILE ON
11 DUTY.

12 (2) ~~(I) THE VIDEO CAMERA SHALL RECORD ANY INTERACTION~~
13 ~~BETWEEN A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.~~

14 ~~(II) THE VIDEO CAMERA MAY NOT MAKE AN AUDIO~~
15 ~~RECORDING.~~

16 ~~(3)~~ A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL PRESERVE A
17 RECORDING MADE BY A VIDEO CAMERA UNDER THIS SECTION FOR AT LEAST 30
18 CALENDAR DAYS.

19 (D) A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL DEVELOP POLICIES AND
20 PROCEDURES TO EXECUTE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2014.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.