

SENATE BILL 539

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CF HB 462

By: **Senator Lam**

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2019

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission – Body–Worn Camera**
3 **Policy**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to
5 include in certain policies requirements that a body–worn camera purchased or
6 otherwise procured for use by a law enforcement officer on or after a certain date
7 have certain capabilities and that a law enforcement officer who is issued a
8 body–worn camera be required to activate the camera at a certain time; and
9 generally relating to law enforcement officers and body–worn cameras.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Public Safety
12 Section 3–511.1
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2018 Replacement Volume)

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

17 **Article – Public Safety**

18 **3–511.1.**

19 **THE MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION SHALL**
20 **INCLUDE IN THE POLICIES ADOPTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 3–511 OF THIS**
21 **SUBTITLE REQUIREMENTS THAT:**

22 **(1) A BODY–WORN CAMERA PURCHASED OR OTHERWISE PROCURED**
23 **FOR USE BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2020:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(I) HAVE A VIDEO REDACTION SOFTWARE TOOL CAPABLE OF**
2 **BLURRING OUT FACES AND PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE MARKINGS SUCH AS BODY**
3 **TATTOOS; AND**

4 **(II) AUTOMATICALLY RECORD AND SAVE 2 MINUTES OF AUDIO**
5 **AND VIDEO FOOTAGE IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE OFFICER ACTIVATING THE**
6 **RECORD BUTTON ON THE DEVICE; AND**

7 **(2) A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHO IS ISSUED A BODY-WORN**
8 **CAMERA ACTIVATE THE CAMERA, WHEN APPLICABLE, AT THE TIME OF DISPATCH.**

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 October 1, 2019.