

HOUSE BILL 748

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By: **Delegates Schindler, Hill, Kaufman, Roberts, Spiegel, and Wu**

Introduced and read first time: January 27, 2025

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Municipalities – Enforcement Officers – Body–Worn Cameras**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a municipality to adopt an ordinance or a resolution
4 authorizing an official who is authorized to act as an enforcement officer to utilize
5 body–worn cameras; requiring a municipality that adopts a certain ordinance or
6 resolution to publish a certain policy; and generally relating to enforcement officers
7 and body–worn cameras.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Local Government

10 Section 6–103.1

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2013 Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Local Government**

16 **6–103.1.**

17 **(A) A MUNICIPALITY MAY ADOPT AN ORDINANCE OR A RESOLUTION**
18 **AUTHORIZING AN OFFICIAL WHO IS AUTHORIZED TO ACT AS AN ENFORCEMENT**
19 **OFFICER TO UTILIZE A BODY–WORN CAMERA DURING THE COURSE OF THE**
20 **OFFICIAL’S DUTIES.**

21 **(B) A MUNICIPALITY THAT ADOPTS AN ORDINANCE OR A RESOLUTION**
22 **UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL DEVELOP AND PUBLISH A POLICY**
23 **FOR THE ISSUANCE AND USE OF A BODY–WORN CAMERA BY AN ENFORCEMENT**
24 **OFFICER THAT ADDRESSES:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 **(1) THE TESTING OF BODY-WORN CAMERAS TO ENSURE ADEQUATE**
2 **FUNCTIONING;**
- 3 **(2) THE PROCEDURE FOR AN ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO FOLLOW IF**
4 **THE CAMERA FAILS TO OPERATE PROPERLY AT THE BEGINNING OF OR DURING THE**
5 **ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S SHIFT;**
- 6 **(3) WHEN RECORDING IS MANDATORY;**
- 7 **(4) WHEN RECORDING IS PROHIBITED;**
- 8 **(5) WHEN RECORDING IS DISCRETIONARY;**
- 9 **(6) WHEN RECORDING MAY REQUIRE CONSENT OF A SUBJECT BEING**
10 **RECORDED;**
- 11 **(7) WHEN A RECORDING MAY BE ENDED;**
- 12 **(8) PROVIDING NOTICE OF RECORDING;**
- 13 **(9) ACCESS TO AND CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDINGS;**
- 14 **(10) THE SECURE STORAGE OF DATA FROM A BODY-WORN CAMERA;**
- 15 **(11) REVIEW AND USE OF RECORDINGS;**
- 16 **(12) RETENTION OF RECORDINGS;**
- 17 **(13) DISSEMINATION AND RELEASE OF RECORDINGS;**
- 18 **(14) CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE MUNICIPALITY'S**
19 **BODY-WORN CAMERA POLICY;**
- 20 **(15) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS WHEN ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL**
21 **BECOMES A PARTY TO THE COMMUNICATION FOLLOWING THE INITIAL**
22 **NOTIFICATION;**
- 23 **(16) SPECIFIC PROTECTIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS WHEN THERE IS AN**
24 **EXPECTATION OF PRIVACY IN PRIVATE OR PUBLIC PLACES; AND**
- 25 **(17) ANY ADDITIONAL ISSUES DETERMINED TO BE RELEVANT IN THE**
26 **IMPLEMENTATION AND USE OF BODY-WORN CAMERAS BY ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.**

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2025.