



General Assembly

February Session, 2022

**Raised Bill No. 133**

LCO No. 870



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:  
(PS)

**AN ACT ALLOWING POLICE OFFICERS TO WEAR RELIGIOUS HEAD COVERINGS AS PART OF A POLICE UNIFORM.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section,  
2 "law enforcement unit" and "police officer" have the same meanings as  
3 provided in section 7-294a of the general statutes.

4 (b) Not later than October 1, 2022, each law enforcement unit shall  
5 adopt or amend a policy to permit a police officer to wear a religious  
6 head covering in accordance with the police officer's religious beliefs  
7 while the police officer is on duty and wearing a uniform or other  
8 authorized attire, except where the use of tight-fitting protective  
9 headgear is required by such law enforcement unit.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To permit a police officer to wear a religious head covering in accordance with such officer's religious beliefs while on duty and wearing a uniform.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*