

HOUSE BILL 633

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By: **Delegate Conaway**

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2014

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Law Enforcement Officers – Video Cameras**

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

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Public Safety

15 Section 3–509

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Public Safety**

21 **3–509.**

22 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER” MEANS AN
23 INDIVIDUAL WHO:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(1) IN AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY IS AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO MAKE**
2 **ARRESTS; AND**

3 **(2) IS A MEMBER OF THE BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

4 **(B) (1) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN BALTIMORE CITY.**

5 **(2) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT**
6 **OFFICER WHO IS ON DETECTIVE DUTY.**

7 **(C) (1) A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SHALL WEAR A VIDEO**
8 **CAMERA AFFIXED TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S UNIFORM WHILE ON**
9 **DUTY.**

10 **(2) (I) THE VIDEO CAMERA SHALL RECORD ANY INTERACTION**
11 **BETWEEN A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.**

12 **(II) THE VIDEO CAMERA MAY NOT MAKE AN AUDIO**
13 **RECORDING.**

14 **(3) THE BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT SHALL PRESERVE A**
15 **RECORDING MADE BY A VIDEO CAMERA UNDER THIS SECTION FOR AT LEAST 30**
16 **CALENDAR DAYS.**

17 **(D) THE BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP POLICIES**
18 **AND PROCEDURES TO EXECUTE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.**

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