

HB 39 -- VIDEO CAMERAS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

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This bill allows a uniformed law enforcement officer to make an audio recording in conjunction with a video recording in the ordinary course of the officer's duties if:

- (1) The officer first gives notification of the recording to the party to the communication;
- (2) The oral communication does not occur inside the residence of any of the individuals;
- (3) At the time of interception, the law enforcement officer:
  - (a) Is in uniform or otherwise clearly identifiable as a law enforcement officer;
  - (b) Is in close proximity to the individual's oral communication; and
  - (c) Is using an electronic, mechanical, or other device approved by the law enforcement agency to intercept the oral communication.

Every law enforcement vehicle must be equipped with a video camera if the vehicle is primarily used for traffic stops.

Every uniformed law enforcement officer must wear an operating video camera with a microphone every time the officer is interacting with the public in his or her official capacity. Each video recording must be cataloged and preserved. Every police department is required to have a written policy that outlines the use of the equipment and the retention of the recording media as specified in the bill. These provisions do not apply to detectives, undercover law enforcement officers, or to law enforcement officers in specified situations.