

HB 75 -- CAMERAS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

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This bill imposes an additional tax of one cent on every retail sale of any handgun or ammunition in Missouri. All revenues derived from this tax must be used solely to provide funds for video and audio equipment for law enforcement officers.

The bill requires all uniformed law enforcement officers in Missouri to wear a video camera affixed to his or her uniform while on duty. The video camera must record the interaction between a law enforcement officer and a member of the public. The recording must include both audio and video.

All law enforcement agencies must preserve any recordings made by a video camera for a minimum of 30 days and must develop any policies and procedures necessary to execute these provisions.

These provisions cannot apply to detectives or other law enforcement officers while they are working in an undercover capacity or to any law enforcement officer in any situation where the wearing of the video camera would endanger the safety of the officer or the public.