

HB 971 -- CAMERAS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

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

The bill requires 10% of all fines collected by a city, town, village, or county for a traffic violation or amended charge from a traffic violation to be used to fund the video cameras.