

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the recording of law enforcement
 3 activities; providing a short title; creating s.
 4 943.1718, F.S.; providing a definition; requiring
 5 uniformed officers assigned to patrol duties to be
 6 equipped with body cameras; requiring the use of such
 7 cameras during specified activities; exempting the
 8 recordings of such activities from specified
 9 provisions relating to the interception of wire,
 10 electronic, and oral communications; providing an
 11 effective date.

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 13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 15 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Police and
 16 Citizen Protection Act."

17 Section 2. Section 943.1718, Florida Statutes, is created
 18 to read:

19 943.1718 Use of body cameras; recordings.-

20 (1) As used in this section, the term "body camera" means
 21 a device that is worn by a law enforcement officer that
 22 electronically records audio and video of his or her activities.

23 (2) Every uniformed law enforcement officer in this state
 24 who is primarily assigned to patrol duties shall be equipped
 25 with a body camera while performing such duties. The camera
 26 shall be used by the officer to record activities that take

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27 | place during motor vehicle stops or other law enforcement
28 | actions taken during the course of his or her official duties.

29 | (3) Chapter 934 does not apply to recordings made pursuant
30 | to this section.

31 | Section 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2016.