
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 420 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY KIRKLAND, YOUNGBLOOD, BROWNLEE, THOMAS, KINSEY,
DAVIDSON, MURT, COHEN, McCARTER, V. BROWN, SIMS AND McNEILL,
FEBRUARY 9, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 9, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in wiretapping and electronic
3 surveillance, providing for law enforcement use of cameras
4 worn on the body.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Chapter 57 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subchapter to read:

9 SUBCHAPTER B.1

10 BODY CAMERAS

11 Sec.

12 5731. Use of body-worn cameras.

13 5732. Costs.

14 § 5731. Use of body-worn cameras.

15 A law enforcement officer under section 5704(16) (relating to
16 exceptions to prohibition of interception and disclosure of
17 communications) shall wear a body-worn camera and record the
18 events that occur while the officer is on duty with the body-

1 worn camera.

2 § 5732. Costs.

3 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, law
4 enforcement agency costs, including costs for training and for
5 the purchase, maintenance and operation of equipment, that are
6 necessary to meet the objectives of section 5731 (relating to
7 use of body-worn cameras) shall be paid as follows:

8 (1) Costs of the Pennsylvania State Police shall be paid
9 from the cash or proceeds of forfeited property in the
10 custody of the Attorney General.

11 (2) Costs of a local law enforcement agency shall be
12 paid from the cash or proceeds of forfeited property in the
13 custody of the district attorney of the county in which the
14 law enforcement agency is located.

15 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.