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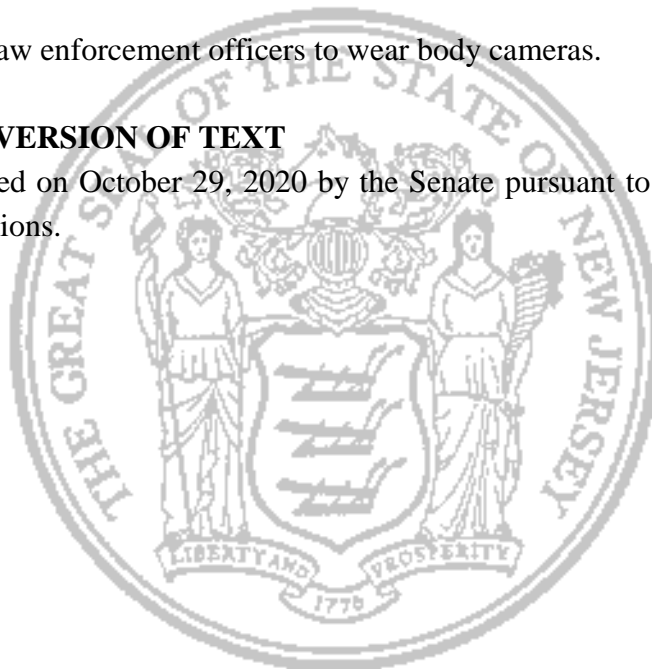
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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires law enforcement officers to wear body cameras.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As amended on October 29, 2020 by the Senate pursuant to the Governor's recommendations.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/16/2020)**

1 AN ACT concerning law enforcement officers and supplementing  
2 chapter 14 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the  
8 contrary <sup>3</sup>and subject to the limit of funds appropriated or otherwise  
9 made available for this purpose<sup>3</sup>, every <sup>1</sup>uniformed<sup>1</sup> State, county,  
10 and municipal <sup>1</sup>patrol<sup>1</sup> law enforcement officer shall wear a <sup>1</sup>body  
11 worn<sup>1</sup> camera that electronically records audio and video while  
12 acting in the performance of <sup>1</sup>**[his]** the officer's<sup>1</sup> official duties <sup>2</sup>,  
13 except:

14 (1) while engaging in an undercover assignment;

15 (2) when assigned to non-uniformed duties;

16 (3) while serving in an administrative position within the  
17 department;

18 (4) while meeting with a confidential informant;

19 (5) while engaging in union representation of a member of the  
20 collective bargaining group;

21 (6) when directed by the Chief or a superior officer for a lawful  
22 purpose;

23 (7) a detective or investigator of a county prosecutor's office or  
24 Division of Criminal Justice when authorized by the County  
25 Prosecutor or Attorney General; or

26 (8) <sup>3</sup>**[at the request of a member of the public pursuant to rules**  
27 **developed]** as may be otherwise provided in accordance with  
28 guidelines or directives promulgated<sup>3</sup> by the Attorney General<sup>2</sup>.

29 b. <sup>3</sup>**[The]** In addition to funding provided through the annual  
30 appropriations act, the<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>body worn<sup>1</sup> cameras required by  
31 subsection a. of this section <sup>3</sup>**[shall]** may<sup>3</sup> be funded by forfeiture  
32 funds collected pursuant to N.J.S.2C:64-6, in an amount to be  
33 determined by the Attorney General <sup>3</sup>, or any other source of  
34 funding made available for this purpose, including but not limited  
35 to federal grants<sup>3</sup>.

36 <sup>1</sup>c. For the purposes of this section, "body worn camera" means  
37 a mobile video recording system worn by a law enforcement  
38 officer.<sup>1</sup>

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40 2. The Attorney General is authorized to promulgate <sup>3</sup>or revise<sup>3</sup>  
41 guidelines or directives, as appropriate, to implement and enforce  
42 the provisions of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
43 Legislature as this bill).

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined **thus** is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Senate SLP committee amendments adopted August 25, 2020.

<sup>2</sup>Assembly floor amendments adopted August 27, 2020.

<sup>3</sup>Senate amendments adopted in accordance with Governor's recommendations October 29, 2020.

1       3. This act shall take effect <sup>1</sup>【on the first day of the sixth  
2 month following】 immediately, but shall remain inoperative until  
3 the<sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup>【enactment <sup>1</sup>into law】 effective date<sup>3</sup> of P.L. , c. (C. )  
4 (pending before the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 101 or Assembly  
5 Bill No. 4312 of 2020)<sup>1</sup>, but the Attorney General may take such  
6 administrative action in advance as shall be necessary for the  
7 implementation of the act.