



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6628**

January Session, 2013



**AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFE USE OF ELECTRONIC DEFENSE WEAPONS BY POLICE OFFICERS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2013) Not later than October 1,  
2 2013, the Police Officer Standards and Training Council established  
3 under section 7-294b of the general statutes shall establish policies and  
4 guidelines for the use of electronic defense weapons, as defined in  
5 section 53a-3 of the general statutes, by police officers in the discharge  
6 of their official duties. On and after January 1, 2014, each police basic  
7 or review training program conducted or administered by the Police  
8 Officer Standards and Training Council, the Division of State Police  
9 within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection or  
10 a municipal police department shall provide training to police officers  
11 in the use of electronic defense weapons in accordance with the  
12 policies and guidelines established by the Police Officer Standards and  
13 Training Council pursuant to this section. Such training shall include,  
14 but need not be limited to, instruction on (1) the capabilities and  
15 limitations of electronic defense weapon technology in terms of its  
16 effectiveness, (2) the effects that the use of an electronic defense  
17 weapon may have on a person, including, but not limited to, adverse  
18 medical effects, and (3) the parts of the body that should not be a target  
19 of electronic defense weapon use.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	New section
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