



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5060

February Session, 2014



AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECORDING OF POLICE ACTIVITY BY THE PUBLIC.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) (a) For the purposes of
2 this section, "peace officer" has the meaning provided in section 53a-3
3 of the general statutes.

4 (b) A peace officer shall not interfere with any person taking a
5 photographic or digital still or video image of such peace officer or
6 another peace officer acting in the performance of such peace officer's
7 duties, except as necessary to (1) lawfully enforce a criminal law of this
8 state or a municipal ordinance, (2) protect the public safety, (3)
9 preserve the integrity of a crime scene or criminal investigation, (4)
10 safeguard the privacy interests of any person, including a victim of a
11 crime, or (5) lawfully enforce court rules and policies of the Judicial
12 Branch with respect to taking a photograph, videotaping or otherwise
13 recording an image in facilities of the Judicial Branch.

14 (c) The Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency
15 Services and Public Protection and the Police Officer Standards and
16 Training Council established under section 7-294b of the general
17 statutes shall jointly develop a model policy and training standard to
18 implement the requirements of subsection (b) of this section in a

19 manner consistent with public safety and rights guaranteed by the
20 first, fourth and fourteenth amendments to the United States
21 Constitution. Not later than January 15, 2015, the Police Officer
22 Standards and Training Council shall submit such model policy and
23 training standard to the joint standing committee of the General
24 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety, in
25 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, and to the chief
26 law enforcement officer of each municipality having a police
27 department, the law enforcement instructor of each such police
28 department and the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public
29 Protection. On and after July 1, 2015, each law enforcement agency
30 shall adopt and implement the model policy and training standard
31 developed under this subsection.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2014</i> | New section |

JUD *Joint Favorable Subst.*