



General Assembly

January Session, 2021

Substitute Bill No. 120



AN ACT ALLOWING POLICE OFFICERS TO WEAR RELIGIOUS HEAD COVERINGS AS PART OF A POLICE UNIFORM.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) As used in this section, "law
2 enforcement unit" and "police officer" have the same meanings as
3 provided in section 7-294a of the general statutes. Not later than October
4 1, 2021, each law enforcement unit shall adopt or amend a policy to
5 establish standards regarding the personal appearance of any police
6 officer employed by such law enforcement unit while the police officer
7 is on duty and wearing a uniform or other authorized attire. The policy
8 shall permit a police officer to wear a religious head covering in
9 accordance with the police officer's religious beliefs while on duty,
10 except where the use of tight-fitting protective headgear is required by
11 such law enforcement unit.

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

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1, the first sentence was added for clarity.

PS *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*