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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 120

File No. 275

Cal. No. 197

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

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section,
4 "law enforcement unit" and "police officer" have the same meanings as
5 provided in section 7-294a of the general statutes.

6 (b) Not later than October 1, 2021, each law enforcement unit shall
7 adopt or amend a policy to permit a police officer to wear a religious
8 head covering in accordance with the police officer's religious beliefs
9 while the police officer is on duty and wearing a uniform or other
10 authorized attire, except where the use of tight-fitting protective
11 headgear is required by such law enforcement unit.

12 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section, "social

13 media" has the same meaning as provided in section 9-601 of the general
14 statutes and "law enforcement unit" and "police officer" have the same
15 meanings as provided in section 7-294a of the general statutes.

16 (b) Not later than January 1, 2022, the Police Officer Standards and
17 Training Council shall develop a model policy concerning the use of
18 social media by law enforcement units and police officers while on duty.
19 Such model policy shall include, but need not be limited to, (1)
20 guidelines regarding the use of a social media account used by a law
21 enforcement unit, (2) the responsibilities of any person employed by the
22 law enforcement unit who manages and approves content to post on
23 such social media account, (3) procedures when the unauthorized use
24 of such social media account is detected, (4) guidelines to ensure
25 compliance with any applicable state or federal law, (5) guidelines
26 regarding content suitable and not suitable for posting on such social
27 media account, (6) methods to limit indecent or obscene content on any
28 such social media account, and (7) the personal use of social media by a
29 police officer while on duty.

30 (c) Not later than July 1, 2022, each law enforcement unit shall adopt
31 and maintain a written policy that meets or exceeds the standards of the
32 model policy developed pursuant to subsection (b) of this section."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section