

By: Representative Dixon

To: Judiciary B

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1149

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 21-21-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REQUIRE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF MUNICIPALITIES TO PROVIDE ON-DUTY  
3 POLICE OFFICERS WITH CAMERAS THAT ARE TO BE WORN ON THE UNIFORMS  
4 OF THE OFFICERS; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR POLICE OFFICERS WHO FAIL  
5 TO WEAR SUCH CAMERAS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 21-21-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 21-21-3. (1) The governing authorities of municipalities  
10 shall have the power and authority to employ, regulate and support  
11 a sufficient police force or night marshals, to define the duties  
12 thereof, and to furnish and supply all suitable and necessary  
13 equipment \* \* \*, which shall include the equipment described in  
14 subsection (2) of this section.

15 (2) The governing authorities of municipalities shall  
16 provide all police officers while they are on patrol with cameras  
17 which shall be worn on the uniforms of the officers.



18       (3) If any police officer fails to wear a camera while on  
19 duty, as required by this section, then the officer shall be  
20 subject to the penalties prescribed in Section 2 of this act.

21       **SECTION 2.** Any police officer who fails to wear a camera on  
22 his or her uniform, as required by Section 21-21-3, is guilty of a  
23 misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a  
24 fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or  
25 imprisonment not to exceed six (6) months, or both.

26       **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
27 and after July 1, 2013.

