

By: Representative Dixon

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 1399

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 21-21-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REQUIRE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF MUNICIPALITIES TO PROVIDE POLICE
3 OFFICERS WHO ARE ON DUTY WITH CAMERAS THAT ARE TO BE WORN ON THE
4 UNIFORMS OF SUCH OFFICERS; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR POLICE
5 OFFICERS WHO FAIL 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 therefor, and to furnish and supply all suitable and
14 necessary equipment, which shall include the equipment described
15 in subsection (2) of this section.

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



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

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

27 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
28 and after July 1, 2016.

