

By Senator Smith

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the recording of law enforcement
3 activities; providing a short title; creating s.
4 943.1718, F.S.; providing a definition; requiring
5 uniformed officers assigned primarily to patrol duties
6 to be equipped with body cameras; requiring the use of
7 such cameras during specified activities; exempting
8 the recordings of such activities from specified
9 provisions relating to the interception of wire,
10 electronic, and oral communications; providing an
11 effective date.

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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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15 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Police and Citizen
16 Protection Act."

17 Section 2. Section 943.1718, Florida Statutes, is created
18 to read:

19 943.1718 Use of body cameras; recordings.-

20 (1) As used in this section, the term "body camera" means a
21 device that is worn by a law enforcement officer which
22 electronically records audio and video of his or her activities.

23 (2) Every uniformed law enforcement officer in this state
24 who is primarily assigned to patrol duties shall be equipped
25 with a body camera while performing such duties. The camera
26 shall be used by the officer to record activities that take
27 place during motor vehicle stops or other law enforcement
28 actions taken during the course of his or her official duties.

29 (3) Chapter 934 does not apply to recordings made pursuant

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30 to this section.

31 Section 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2016.