

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 14-0443  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: Councilmember Branch, President Young, Councilmembers Kraft, Middleton,  
Scott, Stokes, Henry, Clarke, Reisinger, Mosby, Welch, Holton, Spector

Introduced and read first time: September 22, 2014

Assigned to: Public Safety Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Police Department, Department of  
Finance

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Police Equipment – Audio-Video Recording Devices**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring all polices officers employed by the Baltimore City Police  
4 Department to be personally equipped with digital audio-and-video recording devices; and  
5 allowing a phased implementation of this requirement during the 1<sup>st</sup> year following the  
6 effective date of this Ordinance.

7 BY adding

8 Article 19 - Police Ordinances  
9 Section(s) 76-1, to be under the new subtitle,  
10 “Subtitle 76. Police Equipment”  
11 Baltimore City Code  
12 (Edition 2000)

13 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
14 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

15 **Baltimore City Code**

16 **Article 19. Police Ordinances**

17 **SUBTITLE 76. POLICE EQUIPMENT**

18 **§ 76-1. AUDIO-VIDEO RECORDING DEVICES REQUIRED.**

19 EVERY POLICE OFFICER EMPLOYED BY THE BALTIMORE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT MUST BE  
20 PERSONALLY EQUIPPED WITH A DIGITAL AUDIO-AND-VIDEO PORTABLE RECORDING DEVICE.

21 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That, notwithstanding any other provision of  
22 this Ordinance:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 (a) for the 1<sup>st</sup> year following the effective date of this Ordinance, the devices required by  
2 this Ordinance need be provided only to patrol officers newly hired during that year  
3 by the Baltimore City Police Department; but

4 (b) beginning on the 1st anniversary of the effective date of this Ordinance, the devices  
5 required by this Ordinance must be provided to all police officers employed by the  
6 Baltimore City Police Department.

7 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance  
8 are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior  
9 Ordinance.

10 **SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day  
11 after the date it is enacted.