

# Legislative Analysis



## REQUIRE CONSERVATION OFFICERS TO WEAR BODY CAMS

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**House Bill 4074 as introduced**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Gregory Markkanen**  
**Committee: Natural Resources and Tourism**  
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### SUMMARY:

House Bill 4074 would amend 1986 PA 109, which prescribes certain powers and duties of conservation officers, to require conservation officers to wear a body-worn camera while exercising their duties as conservation officers.

Currently under the act, conservation officers are appointed by the director of the Department of Natural Resources and are trained and certified as peace officers under the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) Act. Conservation officers have the same power to serve criminal process and require aid in executing criminal process as sheriffs.

Beginning on the effective date of the bill, a conservation officer would be required to wear a **body-worn camera** while exercising their duties as a conservation officer. The disclosure of an audio or video recording recorded by the camera would be subject to the Law Enforcement Body-Worn Camera Privacy Act.<sup>1</sup>

**Body-worn camera** would mean a device that is worn by a law enforcement officer that electronically records audio and video of the officer's activities.<sup>2</sup>

Proposed MCL 300.21a

### FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4074 is unlikely to affect revenues or costs for the Department of Natural Resources. The department's Law Enforcement Division is supported by an appropriation of \$857,500 GF/GP and 5.0 FTE positions in FY 2024-25 for a conservation officer body camera program.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/mcl/pdf/mcl-Act-85-of-2017.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Defined in the Law Enforcement Body-Worn Camera Privacy Act: <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-780-312>