



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 120**

LCO No. 4219



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:  
(PS)

**AN ACT ALLOWING POLICE OFFICERS TO WEAR RELIGIOUS HEAD COVERINGS AS PART OF A POLICE UNIFORM.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than October 1,  
2 2021, each law enforcement unit, as defined in section 7-294a of the  
3 general statutes, shall adopt or amend a policy to establish standards  
4 regarding the personal appearance of any police officer, as defined in  
5 section 7-294a of the general statutes, employed by such law  
6 enforcement unit while the police officer is on duty and wearing a  
7 uniform or other authorized attire. The policy shall permit a police  
8 officer to wear a religious head covering in accordance with the police  
9 officer's religious beliefs while on duty, except where the use of tight  
10 fitting protective headgear is required by such law enforcement unit.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To permit a police officer to wear a religious head covering in accordance with such officer's religious beliefs while on duty and wearing a uniform.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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