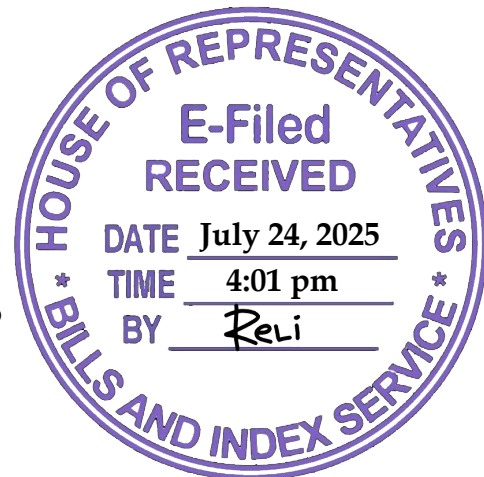




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Introduced by **Representative MA. VICTORIA CO-PILAR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippine National Police (PNP) is tasked to enforce the law, prevent and control crimes, maintain peace and order, and ensure public safety and internal security. The PNP basically ensures that we all live in a safe and secured community. Consequently, we have the duty to reciprocate the same protection to the officers and personnel of the PNP performing law enforcement activities through the mandatory installation of dashboard camera or dashcam in all PNP-owned vehicles.

Research indicates that people modify their behavior when they know that they are under observation. In relation to the use of dashcam, individuals who might have been inclined to act aggressively, abusively or antisocially tend to modify their behavior when they know that they are being filmed or recorded. Therefore, the use of dashcam could enhance the safety not only of the police officer, but also of all the parties involved during law enforcement activities.

Recordings from dashcam can solidify what happened in a questionable event and it may be used as evidence in prosecution of offenses. It also ensures the availability of data that will support the legality of the performance of duty of a police officer.

This representation seeks to provide for the mandatory installation of dashboard camera or dashcam in all vehicles owned by the Philippine National Police. Dashcam must be activated during law enforcement activities and shall not be deactivated until the activity is concluded.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this measure is earnestly sought.

1 minimum standard requirements as that of a dashboard camera or dashcam provided
2 under this Act.

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4 b) *Dashboard Camera or "Dashcam"* is a small video camera that is typically mounted in
5 or around the dashboard of a car. It is capable of creating, generating, sending,
6 receiving, storing, displaying, and processing audio-visual recordings, and shall be
7 installed in the vehicle at all times especially during law enforcement activities. It shall
8 comply with the minimum standard equivalent as shall be provided in the
9 implementing rules of this Act.

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11 c) *Data custodian* is an officer the National Police (PNP) performing law enforcement
12 activities, who has the sole responsibility of storing and safekeeping data recorded from
13 dashcam.

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15 d) *PNP-Owned Vehicle* is any vehicle issued to the Philippine National Police and
16 sourced from the regular appropriations, special releases, donations, and the like. It is a
17 property of the PNP and used in the discharge of the PNP's mandate.

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19 e) *Recording* is a digital material generated as a result of using dashcam or alternative
20 recording devices, which contains images and audio-video footages. It shall include the
21 copies of the material created by way of copying to portable media storage and other
22 data repositories.

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24 **Sec 4. Mandatory Installation of Dashcam in All PNP-owned Vehicle** - At least one (1)
25 dashcam, or such number as necessary, to capture and record the relevant incidents
26 during law enforcement operations shall be installed in all PNP-owned vehicles. Should
27 the dashcam be unavailable, at least two alternative recording devices must be used.
28 The officers having such recording device shall ensure that they are worn in a
29 conspicuous location and in a manner that maximizes their ability to capture a
30 recording of the law enforcement activity.

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32 Both video and audio recording functions of the dashcam or recording device shall be
33 activated as soon as the officers perform a law enforcement activity. Subject to existing

1 laws and regulations, the dashcam or recording device shall not be deactivated until the
2 law enforcement activity has been fully concluded.

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4 **Sec 5. Archiving of Recordings** - The data custodian shall keep an archive of the
5 recordings captured by the dashcam or alternative recording device installed in all
6 PNP-owned vehicles. Provided, That any unauthorized and unlawful use, distribution,
7 sale and purchase, and publication of recordings and information shall be the subject of
8 appropriate civil, criminal, or administrative charges.

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10 **Sec 6. Confidentiality of Recordings** — Recordings from dashcam or alternative
11 recording device shall remain confidential from any type of viewing, distribution,
12 publication, and personal documentation except when for evidentiary purposes, the
13 Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB), government
14 personnel, legal bodies, and able courts request for the copy of the recordings as part of
15 an investigation or prosecution of an offense.

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17 Any form of tampering and unlawful disclosure of the recording shall be the subject of
18 appropriate civil, criminal, or administrative charges.

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20 **Sec 7. Appropriation** - The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall
21 be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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23 **Sec 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations** - Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity
24 of this Act, the 3 Department of Interior and Local Government, in consultation with
25 the Philippine National Police and 4 other relevant agencies, shall promulgate the
26 necessary rules and regulations to effectively implement the provisions of this Act.

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28 **Sec 9. Separability Clause** - If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or
29 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall
30 remain valid and subsisting.

1 **Sec 10. *Repealing Clause*** - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order,
2 letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent
3 with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

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5 **Sec 11. *Effectivity Clause*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
6 in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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8 Approved,