

## Senate Resolution 119

By: Senators James of the 35th, Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd, Rhett of the 33rd, Orrock of the 36th, Tate of the 38th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging law enforcement agencies to equip peace officers who conduct traffic stops or  
2 respond to emergency dispatch calls as their primary duty with body cameras; and for other  
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, this body is committed to the safety of peace officers in the performance of their  
5 essential public safety responsibilities; and

6 WHEREAS, a citizenry with an awareness that encounters with peace officers are being  
7 recorded produces more socially desirable behavior among citizens in their encounters with  
8 peace officers; and

9 WHEREAS, peace officers equipped with body cameras are often less likely to need to use  
10 force or to face a citizen complaint.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
12 join together to encourage law enforcement agencies to equip peace officers who conduct  
13 traffic stops or respond to emergency dispatch calls as their primary duty with body cameras  
14 to record audio and video depictions of such encounters with peace officers.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
16 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Department of  
17 Public Safety.