**Committee of the Judiciary** **Bill # H.R. 1002**

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Representatives Justin Jones, Kyle Mandelbaum, Ryan Montagna, Jacob Radin introduce the following bill:

**A BILL**

**To ensure the safety of law enforcement, all must wear a body camera while on duty**

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Sec. 1 This Act may be referred to as  Police Body Camera Act.  The purpose of this Act is to protect law enforcement by providing  evidence that will protect both the officer and the civilian.

Sec. 2 Body camera is defined as a visual and audio recording device mounted to the officer's body

Sec. 3 On duty will be defined as  an officer who is actively working

Sec. 4 Undercover officers will be exempt from this law

Sec. 5 This law will be implemented by Local and State Police Departments

Sec. 6 Funding will come from the Government’s 1% Discretionary Budget and the Housing and Community 1% Discretionary Budget to help local and state law enforcements equip officers if needed .  Local and state agencies must complete a government funding request form each new year to be eligible for any federal funding

Sec. 7 All local and state police departments must enforce the following penalties based upon investigation:

1. Officer’s that  turn off or disable their cameras for 1 minute to 1 hour will have a one week suspension
2. Officer’s that disable the device for more than 1 hour will have up to a 2 week suspension

Sec. 8 This law will take effect January 1st 2017