

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on an emergency basis, section 3902 of Title 24 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations to allow access to body worn camera footage for the close relatives of a subject depicted in the footage, if the subject is deceased.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Access to Body Worn Camera Footage Emergency Amendment Act of 2019”.

Sec. 2. Section 24-3902.5 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations is amended by striking subparagraph (a) and inserting the following subparagraph in its place:

“(a) Pursuant to policy directives adopted under the authority of § 3900.3, the Department shall schedule a time for any subject of a BWC recording and the following individuals to view the BWC recording at the police station in the police district where the incident occurred. In addition to the subject, access shall be provided to the subject’s parent or legal guardian if the subject is a minor, and the subject’s legal representative. If the subject is deceased, the subject’s parent, legal guardian, next of kin, and their respective legal representatives shall be granted access. Access to BWC footage shall be granted provided, that:”

34           Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

35           The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact  
36 statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved  
37 October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

38           Sec. 4. Effective date.

39           This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of a veto by  
40 the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer  
41 than 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in  
42 section 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87  
43 Stat. 788; D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).

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