

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

May 1, 2026

Introduced by M. of A. WALKER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law and the general municipal law, in relation to requiring a police officer accompanying federal immigration officers to wear and use a body camera and secure the recordings

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Paragraphs (h) and (i) of subdivision 2 of section 234 of
2 the executive law, as added by chapter 105 of the laws of 2020, are
3 amended to read as follows:

4 (h) any interaction with an emotionally disturbed person; [~~and~~]

5 (i) any instance when an officer accompanies or is in the presence of
6 an agent or officer of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement or
7 of U.S. Customs and Boarder Protection who is performing immigration-re-
8 lated duties; and

9 (j) any instances where officers feel any imminent danger or the need
10 to document their time on duty.

11 § 2. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new section
12 208-i to read as follows:

13 § 208-i. Body-worn cameras. 1. Every police department in a city or
14 county having a population of twenty thousand or more and that has
15 instituted a body-worn camera program shall require officers of such
16 department to wear and turn on such body-worn cameras in any instance
17 when the officer accompanies or is in the presence of an agent or offi-
18 cer of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement or of U.S. Customs
19 and Boarder Protection who is performing immigration-related duties.

20 2. The police department shall preserve recordings of such body-worn
21 cameras and perform all upkeep on equipment used in such body-worn
22 cameras. Such duties shall include:

23 (a) creating a secure record of all instances where there is recorded
24 video or audio footage;

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 (b) ensuring officers have sufficient storage capacity on their
2 cameras to allow for the recording of interactions required by this
3 section; and

4 (c) ensuring officers have access to body-worn cameras for the record-
5 ing of instances required by this section.

6 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.