

**FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY****INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS DIVISION****COUNTY AGENCY LEGISLATIVE COMMENT REQUEST FORM****Reviewing Agency:** Prince George's County Police Department**Bill/Resolution Number:** Listed Below**Brief Summary of the Bill/Resolution:***This bill criminalizes the wearing of masks in performance of police work.***B2026008****The police department will not be able to enforce this bill on another law enforcement agency.****This should not be a criminal offense.****Agency Impact:***Will this bill impact your Agency financially or operationally, or your Agency's mission?* Yes No Undeterminable at this time*If yes, please select the appropriate impact:* Positive Impact Negative Impact No Impact**Discussion of Impact:***County Police Officers cannot interfere in a federal agent/officer's performance of their duties. Prince George's County Police will not be able to enforce this on another police department or a federal agency.**The County Code **Sec. 14-133.02. - Wearing Masks** is already in place to address conduct generally without putting unreasonable restrictions on Police Officers. The wearing of masks by law enforcement should be an internal policy with administrative penalties and not criminal. In fact, Prince George's County Police General Orders set guidelines for its officers' use of masks or other protective covering as needed for operational safety, e.g., whenever the splattering of body fluids is possible, to prevent spread of viruses or prevent contamination, prevent exposure to potential harmful powders or substances.***Fiscal Impact: /SB***Please provide an estimate of the financial impact. For example, will this bill require you to hire more staff, create a computer system, etc? There will be an increase in calls for service and additional reporting that creates unfunded mandates, thus taking away from police services.***Agency Position Recommendation:** Support Oppose Support with Amendments No position.

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Please specify any suggested amendments in the space below?

The bill does not include an exception allowing officers to protect themselves from extended exposure to extreme cold.

Additional Information:

Has your agency been contacted by the State Department of Legislative Services staff regarding this proposal?

Yes No

If yes, please provide comments about the discussion.

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