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Surveillance Camera Amendments
2026 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: Stephanie Pitcher
House Sponsor: Jordan D. Teuscher



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3 **LONG TITLE**

4 **General Description:**

5 This bill concerns a law enforcement officer's ability to tamper with a {~~privately owned~~}
surveillance camera on private property.

7 **Highlighted Provisions:**

8 This bill:

- 9 ▶ prohibits a law enforcement officer, or an individual acting on behalf of a law enforcement
officer, from tampering with, changing the viewing direction of, or disabling a {~~privately or
commercially owned~~} person's surveillance camera on the person's private property; and
- 12 ▶ creates exceptions to the prohibition.

13 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

14 None

15 **Other Special Clauses:**

16 None

17 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

18 ENACTS:

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19 53-25-1201 , Utah Code Annotated 1953

20 53-25-1202 , Utah Code Annotated 1953

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22 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

23 Section 1. Section 1 is enacted to read:

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Part 12. Law Enforcement Prohibitions

25 **53-25-1201. Definitions.**

Reserved.

27 Section 2. Section 2 is enacted to read:

28 **53-25-1202. Law enforcement officer prohibition on tampering with a private surveillance camera -- Exceptions.**

30 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2) or {~~(3)~~ (4), a law enforcement officer, or an individual acting on behalf of a law enforcement officer, may not tamper with, change the viewing direction of, or disable a {~~privately or commercially owned~~ } person's surveillance camera that is on the person's private property.

33 (2) Subsection (1) does not apply if the law enforcement officer, or the individual acting on behalf of a law enforcement officer:

35 (a) obtains the person's permission {~~of the owner of the surveillance camera~~ } before taking the action described in Subsection (1);

37 (b) obtains a court order granting permission to take the action described in Subsection (1) before taking the action described in Subsection (1); or

39 (c) takes the action described in Subsection (1) {~~while exigent circumstances exist,-~~ } under a circumstance described in Subsection (3)(a) if the law enforcement officer, or the individual acting on behalf of {~~the~~ } a law enforcement officer{~~;~~}, subsequently takes an action described in Subsection (3)(b).

42 (3)

(a) The circumstances described in Subsection (2)(c) are:

43 (i) the existence of exigent circumstances; or

44 (ii) to protect a law enforcement officer's safety:

45 (A) while executing a warrant; or

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(B) if the circumstances, as known to the law enforcement officer, present a real, articulable risk to the law enforcement officer's safety.

48 (b) The subsequent actions described in Subsection (2)(c) are:

49 (i) notifying the affected person within 24 hours after:

42 (i){(A)} {notifies the owner of the surveillance camera within 24 hours after} the exigent
circumstances no longer exist; {or}

51 (B) the warrant described in Subsection (3)(a)(ii)(A) has been served; or

52 (C) the circumstances described in Subsection (3)(a)(ii)(B) have been resolved; or

44 (ii) {obtains} obtaining a court order as soon as practicable after the {exigent circumstances}
circumstance described in Subsection (3)(a) no longer {exist} exists, and if a court refuses to issue
a court order, {informs} informing the {owner of the surveillance camera} person about the action
taken on the surveillance camera within 24 hours after the court's refusal.

48 (3){(4)} This section does not apply to a {trail camera as} camera that {term} is {defined in Section
23A-5-307} used for the surveillance or taking of wildlife.

59 Section 3. **Effective date.**

Effective Date.

This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.

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