

Stephanie Pitcher proposes the following substitute bill:

**Surveillance Camera Amendments**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Stephanie Pitcher**

House Sponsor: Jordan D. Teuscher

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill concerns a law enforcement officer's ability to tamper with a surveillance camera on private property.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- 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 person's surveillance camera on the person's private property; and
- creates exceptions to the prohibition.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**53-25-1201**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**53-25-1202**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **53-25-1201** is enacted to read:

**Part 12. Law Enforcement Prohibitions**

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

Reserved.

Section 2. Section **53-25-1202** is enacted to read:

**53-25-1202 . Law enforcement officer prohibition on tampering with a private**

29 **surveillance camera -- Exceptions.**

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

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

36 (a) obtains the person's permission before taking the action described in Subsection (1);

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

39 (c) takes the action described in Subsection (1) while exigent circumstances exist, or in  
40 order to protect a law enforcement officer's safety while executing a warrant, if the  
41 law enforcement officer, or the individual acting on behalf of the law enforcement  
42 officer:

43 (i) notifies the person within 24 hours after:

44 (A) the exigent circumstances no longer exist; or

45 (B) the warrant described in this Subsection (2)(c) has been served; or

46 (ii) obtains a court order as soon as practicable after the exigent circumstances no  
47 longer exist, and if a court refuses to issue a court order, informs the person about  
48 the action taken on the surveillance camera within 24 hours after the court's  
49 refusal.

50 (3) This section does not apply to a camera that is used for the surveillance or taking of  
51 wildlife.

52 **Section 3. Effective Date.**

53 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.