

Stephanie Pitcher proposes the following substitute bill:

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**Surveillance Camera Amendments**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Stephanie Pitcher**

House Sponsor:

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**LONG TITLE**

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**General Description:**

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

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**Highlighted Provisions:**

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This bill:

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▸ prohibits a law enforcement officer, or an individual acting on behalf of a law

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enforcement officer, from tampering with, changing the viewing direction of, or

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disabling a person's surveillance camera on the person's private property; and

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▸ creates exceptions to the prohibition.

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**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

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None

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**Other Special Clauses:**

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None

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**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

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ENACTS:

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

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

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

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

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**Part 12. Law Enforcement Prohibitions**

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

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Reserved.

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

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**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.