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TO: Honorable James White, Chair, House Committee on Homeland Security & Public Safety

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB929 by Sherman, Sr. (Relating to the investigation and prosecution of criminal offenses and to certain recordings created by peace officers during an investigation or other law enforcement activity; creating a criminal offense.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend various codes as they relate to recorded evidence, criminal responsibility, and self-defense. Under the provisions of the bill, the conditions under which self-defense is justified would be clarified, and, in certain circumstances, the deactivation of a recording device used in a law enforcement investigation would be punishable as a third-degree felony.

The Alcoholic Beverage Commission, the Department of Criminal Justice, and the Office of Court Administration indicate the modifications outlined in the bill's provisions would not result in a significant fiscal impact. This analysis assumes the costs to the Department of Public Safety associated with implementing the bill's provisions could be absorbed using existing resources. This analysis assumes implementing the provisions of the bill addressing felony sanctions would not result in a significant impact on the demand for state correctional resources.

Local Government Impact

There may be a fiscal impact to local units of government due to implementing the bill's provisions, but the exact impact cannot be determined at this time.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Admin, 405 Department of Public Safety, 458 Alcoholic Beverage Commission, 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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