

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1658

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBERTS.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 610, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the sunshine law.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 610, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 610.215, to read as follows:

**610.215. 1. A law enforcement agency shall deny access to any audio or video  
2 recording that depicts the death of a law enforcement officer who was acting in the  
3 course of his or her official duties, including any related acts or events immediately  
4 preceding or subsequent to the acts or events that caused or otherwise relate to the  
5 death except where a court finds that the public interest or the interest of an individual  
6 outweighs the reason for denial.**

**7 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1 of this section, a law  
8 enforcement agency may allow a family member of the deceased law enforcement officer  
9 to hear or view such audio or video recording under protocols established by the law  
10 enforcement agency. For the purposes of this subsection, "family member" shall  
11 include a spouse, adult child, parent, or sibling of the deceased law enforcement officer.**

**12 3. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the prosecution and  
13 defense counsel from access to such audio or video recordings or the use of such  
14 recordings as evidence in a legal proceeding.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~thus~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.