

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Close, Dingfelder, Kruse, Roblan, Prozanski
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	3/5, 4/2, 4/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Adds “saliva” to the list of fluids that are illegal to propel at public safety officers, when it comes into contact with public safety officers. Makes spitting on a public safety officer the crime of Aggravated Harassment.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Public safety officers should be protected from any bodily fluid being flung at them, including saliva

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Makes spitting “on” a public safety officer (instead of “at”) the crime of Aggravated Harassment.

BACKGROUND: Aggravated Harassment protects staff members from saliva being propelled at them, but public safety officers are not afforded the same protection. Public safety officers include emergency medical technicians, liquor inspectors, fire fighters, and police officers. Aggravated Harassment is a Class C felony.