

1 S.285

2 Introduced by Senators Vyhovsky and Gulick

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Law enforcement officers; correctional officers; policies on religious

6 head coverings

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the

8 Department of Public Safety and the Department of Corrections to adopt or

9 amend policies to allow Vermont State Police officers and correctional

10 officers, respectively, to wear religious head coverings.

1       on duty and wearing a uniform or other authorized attire, except where the use  
2       of tight-fitting protective headgear is required.

3       (b) Not later than October 1, 2026, the Department of Corrections shall  
4       adopt or amend a policy to permit a correctional officer to wear a religious  
5       head covering in accordance with the correctional officer's religious beliefs  
6       while the correctional officer is on duty and wearing a uniform or other  
7       authorized attire, except where the use of tight-fitting protective headgear is  
8       required.

9       Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

10      This act shall take effect on passage.