

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

October 23, 2019

Introduced by Sen. RAMOS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to requiring members of the metropolitan transportation authority police force to wear body cameras

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 1266-h of the public authorities
2 law, as added by chapter 327 of the laws of 1997, is amended to read as
3 follows:
4 1. The authority is hereby authorized and empowered, to provide and
5 maintain an authority police department and a uniformed authority police
6 force. Each member of such uniformed police force shall be a "police
7 officer" for the purposes of the criminal procedure law, with all of the
8 powers of such police officers thereunder and subject to the same juris-
9 dictional provisions on the exercise of that power as set forth in such
10 law. Each police officer shall be assigned and required to wear during
11 his or her shift a body-worn camera which shall be capable of both audio
12 and video recording. The geographical area of employment of such police
13 officers for the purposes of the criminal procedure law shall embrace
14 the metropolitan commuter transportation district as defined in section
15 twelve hundred sixty-two of this title. Such department and force shall
16 have the power, in and about any or all of the facilities owned, occu-
17 pied and/or operated by the authority and its subsidiary corporations,
18 the New York city transit authority and its subsidiaries, and the
19 triborough bridge and tunnel authority, as determined in the discretion
20 of the authority, to enforce and prevent violation of all laws and ordi-
21 nances. Nothing herein shall confer upon the authority police force or
22 upon their collective negotiations representatives exclusive jurisdic-
23 tion or claim over the exercise of police power or security work on
24 behalf of the authority and its subsidiary corporations, the New York

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 city transit authority and its subsidiaries, and the triborough bridge
2 and tunnel authority. Nothing herein shall limit the authority and its
3 subsidiary corporations, the New York city transit authority and its
4 subsidiaries, and the triborough bridge and tunnel authority from
5 continuing to rely on local police for police services. However, tradi-
6 tional police functions previously performed by the Long Island Rail
7 Road Company and/or the Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company police
8 force shall continue to be performed by the authority police forces.

9 § 2. Rules and regulations. The chief of the metropolitan transporta-
10 tion authority police shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may
11 be necessary to effectuate the provisions of this act.

12 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.