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AN ACT mandating police officers to safely intervene when such officer is present and observes another police officer using excessive force

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

- 1 Section 1. Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, any
2 police officer that is present and observes another police officer using
3 force that is clearly excessive or beyond what is objectively reasonable
4 under the circumstances shall be required, when in a position to do so,
5 to safely intervene to prevent the use of such excessive force. In all
6 instances where excessive force is used, observed by another police
7 officer or another police officer had to intervene, the officer shall
8 promptly report the use, observation and intervention of excessive force
9 to the supervisor.
10 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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