

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to training requirements for police officers on the operation of police vehicles

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

1 Section 1. Section 840 of the executive law is amended by adding a new
2 subdivision 8 to read as follows:

3 8. The council shall, in addition:

4 (a) Develop, maintain and disseminate, in consultation with the
5 department of motor vehicles, written policies and procedures regarding
6 the operation of police vehicles, as defined by section one hundred
7 thirty-two-a of the vehicle and traffic law, by police officers. Such
8 policies and procedures shall make provisions for the training of new
9 and veteran police officers on the operation of such police vehicles;

10 (b) Recommend to the commissioner rules and regulations with respect
11 to the establishment and implementation on an ongoing basis of a train-
12 ing program for all current and new police officers regarding the poli-
13 cies and procedures established pursuant to this subdivision, along with
14 recommendations for periodic retraining of police officers, which shall
15 include:

16 (i) a minimum of forty hours of training to be included in the basic
17 course for police officers; and

18 (ii) a minimum of four hours of training to be included in police
19 in-service training courses; and

20 (c) Disseminate the policy promulgated in accordance with this subdi-
21 vision, regarding operation of police vehicles by police officers, to
22 all police departments in this state and develop a model training
23 program for all current and new police officers regarding such policies
24 and procedures established pursuant to this subdivision.

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

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1 § 2. Section 841 of the executive law is amended by adding a new
2 subdivision 10 to read as follows:

3 10. Promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement training
4 policies and procedures for new and veteran police officers on the oper-
5 ation of police vehicles developed pursuant to subdivision eight of
6 section eight hundred forty of this article.

7 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.