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I N A S S E M B L Y

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Introduced by M. of A. CASTELLI -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to the creation of a system of uniform identification cards for firefighters and emergency services personnel

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 709-a
2 to read as follows:
3 S 709-A. UNIFORM IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY
4 SERVICES PERSONNEL. 1. THE DIRECTOR SHALL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A
5 STATEWIDE DATABASE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING, DISTRIBUTING AND MONI-
6 TORING UNIFORM IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR ALL FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY
7 SERVICES PERSONNEL IN THE STATE. THE DIRECTOR SHALL COORDINATE WITH THE
8 DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND THE NEW YORK EMERGENCY SERVICES COUNCIL FOR THE
9 TRANSMISSION OF INFORMATION SET FORTH IN SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION
10 AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION AS HE OR SHE DEEMS NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH
11 THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.
12 2. THE DIRECTOR SHALL DEVELOP AND DISTRIBUTE UNIFORM IDENTIFICATION
13 CARDS TO ALL PAID AND VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY SERVICES
14 PERSONNEL IN THIS STATE WHICH SHALL CONTAIN ALL THE FOLLOWING INFORMA-
15 TION:
16 (A) A PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER AND SUCH PERSON'S BADGE NUMBER,
17 IF APPLICABLE;
18 (B) THE PERSON'S HEIGHT, WEIGHT, EYE COLOR, SEX AND RACE;
19 (C) THE TOWN, VILLAGE, CITY, COUNTY, DEPARTMENT, DISTRICT, DIVISION,
20 AGENCY OR MUNICIPALITY THE PERSON IS EMPLOYED WITH;
21 (D) A DIGITIZED PHOTOGRAPH OF THE PERSON THAT SHALL BE THE PERSON'S
22 DRIVER'S LICENSE PHOTOGRAPH AND SHALL BE OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
23 MOTOR VEHICLES;
24 (E) A DISTINCTIVE MARK OR SYMBOL WHICH DESIGNATES THE PERSON'S SPECIAL
25 EXPERTISE, TRAINING AND RANK, IF APPLICABLE;
26 (F) THE NEW YORK STATE SEAL;
27 (G) ANY OTHER INFORMATION THE DIRECTOR DEEMS APPROPRIATE.

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

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1 3. THE DIRECTOR SHALL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR DIRECTING THE RETURN OF
2 IDENTIFICATION CARDS WHEN A PERSON'S EMPLOYMENT OR ASSOCIATION WITH THE
3 TOWN, VILLAGE, CITY, COUNTY, DEPARTMENT, DISTRICT, DIVISION, AGENCY OR
4 MUNICIPALITY FOR WHICH THEY VOLUNTEER WITH OR WORK FOR HAS ENDED AND FOR
5 PLACING AN ALERT IN THE DATABASE WHERE A CARD HAS BEEN LOST OR STOLEN
6 AND ANY ACTION THE DIRECTOR DEEMS NECESSARY UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES.

7 4. THE DIRECTOR SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO
8 OBTAIN THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE DATABASE REQUIRED BY
9 THIS SECTION, ISSUE UNIFORM IDENTIFICATION CARDS, ENSURE THAT DIGITIZED
10 PHOTOGRAPHS ARE RECENT AND ESTABLISH PROGRAMS OR INITIATIVES TO SUPPLE-
11 MENT SUCH SYSTEM FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING LAW ENFORCEMENT SECURITY.
12 THE DIRECTOR SHALL CONSULT AND COMPLY WITH ANY FEDERAL LAWS, RULES,
13 REGULATIONS OR STANDARDS PERTAINING TO THE ISSUANCE OF UNIFORM LAW
14 ENFORCEMENT IDENTIFICATION CARDS.

15 S 2. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a
16 law.