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I N A S S E M B L Y

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Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Espaillat)  
-- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to prohibiting a law enforcement agency or officer from inquiring about immigration status

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 844 to  
2 read as follows:

3 S 844. INQUIRY INTO IMMIGRATION STATUS LIMITED. A. IN CONDUCTING A  
4 ROUTINE OR SPONTANEOUS INVESTIGATORY ACTIVITY, INCLUDING AN INTERVIEW, A  
5 DETENTION, A TRAFFIC STOP, A PEDESTRIAN STOP, A FRISK OR OTHER TYPE OF  
6 BODILY SEARCH OR A SEARCH OF PERSONAL OR REAL PROPERTY, A LAW ENFORCE-  
7 MENT AGENCY OR A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SHALL NOT INQUIRE ABOUT OR SEEK  
8 PROOF OF A PERSON'S IMMIGRATION STATUS.

9 B. IN CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATORY ACTIVITY IN CONNECTION WITH AN  
10 INVESTIGATION, A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OR A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER  
11 SHALL NOT INQUIRE ABOUT OR SEEK PROOF OF A VICTIM'S OR WITNESS'S IMMI-  
12 GRATION STATUS.

13 C. IN CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATORY ACTIVITY IN CONNECTION WITH AN  
14 INVESTIGATION, A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OR A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER  
15 SHALL NOT INQUIRE ABOUT OR SEEK PROOF OF A PERSON'S IMMIGRATION STATUS,  
16 UNLESS:

17 (1) THE PERSON IS BOOKED INTO A DETENTION FACILITY; OR

18 (2) THE PERSON IS ARRESTED FOR A VIOLATION OF THE PENAL LAW OF THE  
19 STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE AND THE IMMIGRATION STATUS  
20 OF THAT PERSON IS PERTINENT TO THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION.

21 S 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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