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Introduced by M. of A. PERRY -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BENJAMIN, GOTTFRIED, GREENE, JACOBS, V. LOPEZ, MAYERSOHN, ORTIZ, J. RIVERA, N. RIVERA, WRIGHT -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to authorizing the removal of citizenship requirements from police and firefighters by local law

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

Section 1. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new section 209-ff to read as follows:

S 209-FF. CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS OF POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY GENERAL, SPECIAL OR LOCAL LAW OR ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO THE CONTRARY, THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES OF THE SEVERAL CITIES, TOWNS, VILLAGES, POLICE AND FIRE DISTRICTS OF THE STATE ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO REMOVE, BY LOCAL LAW, RULE OR ORDINANCE, ANY CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS FROM THE QUALIFICATIONS OF POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS.

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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