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Introduced by M. of A. COOK, ORTIZ -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. AUBRY, BOYLAND, COLTON, CYMBROWITZ, DIAZ, FARRELL, GOTTFRIED, GREENE, HEASTIE, NOLAN, PERRY, PHEFFER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Local Governments

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to requiring a written notice, prior to changing the level of police services provided in cities having a population of one million or more

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

1 Section 1. The legislature hereby finds and declares that police
2 protection is one of the most significant and vital municipal services
3 provided to the citizens of the state. Any proposed action by municipal
4 officers which threatens to alter the manner or level of delivery of
5 police services ought to be on notice to the community since it is quite
6 often of significant concern to the affected community.

7 In order to enable the community to have sufficient public discussion
8 through the use of existing community boards and their established abil-
9 ity to effectively notify members of the community and to conduct public
10 hearings on the proposal, the within provisions are enacted.

11 S 2. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new section
12 209-ff to read as follows:

13 S 209-FF. REDUCTION OF POLICE SERVICES IN CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES;
14 PRIOR NOTICE REQUIRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY INCONSISTENT PROVISION OF ANY
15 GENERAL, SPECIAL OR LOCAL LAW, OR RULE OR REGULATION TO THE CONTRARY,
16 THE POLICE COMMISSIONER OF ANY POLICE DEPARTMENT IN CITIES HAVING A
17 POPULATION OF ONE MILLION OR MORE SHALL NOT SUBSTANTIALLY ALTER THE
18 BOUNDARIES OF POLICE PRECINCTS, ONCE FIXED, OR CLOSE, REMOVE, OR RELO-
19 CATE A POLICE STATIONHOUSE UNLESS AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS PRIOR TO THE
20 TAKING EFFECT OF SUCH ACTION WRITTEN NOTICE THEREOF HAS BEEN GIVEN TO
21 EACH LOCAL COMMUNITY BOARD OR BOARDS HAVING JURISDICTION OVER THAT PART
22 OF THE CITY DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY SUCH PROPOSED ACTION OR SERVICE
23 REDUCTION.

24 S 3. 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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