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read once and referred to the Committee on Local Governments

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law and the public health law, in
relation to the training of police officers and firefighters

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

1 Section 1. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new
2 section 209-ff to read as follows:
3 S 209-FF. TRAINING OF POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS. 1. (A) THE
4 COMMISSIONER OF THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
5 SERVICES, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF THE OFFICE OF MENTAL
6 RETARDATION AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND DISABILITY ADVOCACY
7 GROUPS, SHALL REVIEW THE TRAINING COURSE ENTITLED "PERSONS WITH DISABIL-
8 ITIES," PART FIVE SECTION E OF THE BASIC COURSE FOR POLICE OFFICERS AND
9 MODIFY IT TO INCLUDE INSTRUCTION ON OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AS
10 WELL. THE TRAINING SHOULD INCLUDE INSTRUCTION ON CEREBRAL PALSY, EPILEP-
11 SY, EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE, TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY, PERSONS WHO ARE HEAR-
12 ING-IMPAIRED, AND ANY OTHER DISABILITY DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE COMMIS-
13 SIONERS. THE TRAINING SHALL BE DESIGNED TO EDUCATE POLICE OFFICERS ON
14 APPROPRIATE RECOGNITION AND RESPONSE TECHNIQUES FOR HANDLING EMERGENCY
15 SITUATIONS INVOLVING INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES OR
16 PEOPLE WHO ARE HEARING-IMPAIRED. THE CURRICULUM SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE
17 INSTRUCTION ON APPROPRIATE INTERVIEW AND INTERROGATION TECHNIQUES. ADDI-
18 TIONAL ATTENTION SHOULD BE PLACED UPON BEHAVIORS ASSOCIATED WITH INDI-
19 VIDUALS WITH AUTISM AND OTHER NEUROLOGICAL AND BEHAVIORALLY BASED DISOR-
20 DERS. THE TRAINING COURSE SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE COMMISSION ON
21 QUALITY OF CARE AND ADVOCACY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES CREATED UNDER
22 ARTICLE FORTY-FIVE OF THE MENTAL HYGIENE LAW, AS PART OF THE IN-SERVICE

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

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1 TRAINING PROVIDED TO EACH LOCAL POLICE OFFICER IN EACH LAW ENFORCEMENT
2 UNIT OPERATING IN THIS STATE. THIS REVIEW AND MODIFICATION SHALL BE
3 IMPLEMENTED WITHIN TWELVE MONTHS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION.

4 (B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY STATE OR LOCAL LAW, PRIOR TO BEING APPOINTED
5 TO PERMANENT STATUS AS A LOCAL POLICE OFFICER IN A LAW ENFORCEMENT UNIT,
6 AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE TRAINING COURSE ENTITLED
7 "PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES." EVERY LOCAL POLICE OFFICER APPOINTED PRIOR
8 TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION SHALL, WITHIN THIRTY-SIX MONTHS OF
9 SUCH EFFECTIVE DATE, SATISFACTORILY COMPLETE THE TRAINING DEVELOPED
10 UNDER PARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS SUBDIVISION.

11 2. (A) THE STATE FIRE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE OFFICE OF FIRE PREVENTION
12 AND CONTROL, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF THE OFFICE OF
13 MENTAL RETARDATION AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND DISABILITY ADVOCA-
14 CY GROUPS, SHALL ADAPT THE TRAINING DEVELOPED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF THE
15 NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES UNDER PARAGRAPH (A)
16 OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION TO BE UTILIZED FOR TRAINING FIRE-
17 FIGHTERS. THE CURRICULUM SHALL BE INCORPORATED INTO EXISTING REQUIRE-
18 MENTS FOR TRAINING, RE-CERTIFICATION AND CONTINUING EDUCATION OF FIRE-
19 FIGHTERS, WITHIN SIXTEEN MONTHS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION.

20 (B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY STATE OR LOCAL LAW, ALL FIREFIGHTERS, VOLUN-
21 TEER OR PAID, PERMANENT OR NON-PERMANENT, AND ALL INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN
22 FIRE SUPPRESSION, FIREFIGHTING, OR FIRE RESCUE SHALL BE REQUIRED TO
23 SATISFACTORILY COMPLETE THE TRAINING DEVELOPED UNDER PARAGRAPH (A) OF
24 SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION, AS PART OF EXISTING CONTINUING EDUCA-
25 TION REQUIREMENTS, AT LEAST ONCE EVERY THIRTY-SIX MONTHS.

26 S 2. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 3054 to
27 read as follows:

28 S 3054. TRAINING OF EMERGENCY RESPONDERS. 1. THE DIRECTOR OF THE NEW
29 YORK STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, IN
30 CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF THE OFFICE OF MENTAL RETARDATION
31 AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND DISABILITY ADVOCACY GROUPS, SHALL
32 ADAPT THE TRAINING DEVELOPED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF THE NEW YORK STATE
33 DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (A) OF
34 SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION TWO HUNDRED NINE-FF OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL
35 LAW TO BE UTILIZED FOR TRAINING EMERGENCY RESPONDERS. THE CURRICULUM
36 SHALL BE INCORPORATED INTO EXISTING REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAINING, RE-CERTI-
37 FICATION AND CONTINUING EDUCATION OF EMERGENCY RESPONDERS, WITHIN EIGH-
38 TEEN MONTHS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION.

39 2. PRIOR TO CERTIFICATION BY THE NEW YORK STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT
40 BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, EVERY ADVANCED EMERGENCY MEDICAL
41 TECHNICIAN, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN OR CERTIFIED FIRST RESPONDER,
42 AS DEFINED IN SECTION THREE THOUSAND ONE OF THIS CHAPTER, SHALL BE
43 REQUIRED TO SATISFACTORILY COMPLETE THE TRAINING DEVELOPED UNDER SUBDI-
44 VISION ONE OF THIS SECTION.

45 3. PRIOR TO RE-CERTIFICATION BY THE NEW YORK STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT
46 BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, EVERY ADVANCED EMERGENCY MEDICAL
47 TECHNICIAN, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN OR CERTIFIED FIRST RESPONDER,
48 AS DEFINED IN SECTION THREE THOUSAND ONE OF THIS CHAPTER, SHALL BE
49 REQUIRED TO SATISFACTORILY COMPLETE THE TRAINING DEVELOPED UNDER SUBDI-
50 VISION ONE OF THIS SECTION. THE TRAINING SHALL BE COMPLETED AS PART OF A
51 STATE APPROVED REFRESHER COURSE OR CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE. THE
52 TRAINING SHALL BE SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR, IN SUBSTANCE AND DURATION, TO
53 THE TRAINING MANDATED IN PARAGRAPH (A) OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION TWO
54 HUNDRED NINE-FF OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW. NO ADVANCED EMERGENCY
55 MEDICAL TECHNICIAN, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN OR CERTIFIED FIRST
56 RESPONDER, AS DEFINED IN SECTION THREE THOUSAND ONE OF THIS CHAPTER,

1 SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM THIS REQUIREMENT FOR ANY REASON, CERTIFICATION OR
2 TEST SCORE.
3 S 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
4 it shall have become a law.