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Introduced by M. of A. ORTIZ -- read once and referred to the Committee
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AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to prohibiting law
enforcement officers and peace officers from inquiring about the immi-
gration status of a victim or witness to a criminal offense

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

1 Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 837-s
2 to read as follows:
3 S 837-S. PROHIBITIONS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND PEACE OFFICERS.
4 1. A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR A PEACE OFFICER MAY NOT INQUIRE AS TO
5 THE IMMIGRATION STATUS OF A VICTIM OF OR WITNESS TO A CRIMINAL OFFENSE
6 EXCEPT AS NECESSARY TO INVESTIGATE THE OFFENSE.
7 2. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION "LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER" MEANS A
8 STATE OR LOCAL POLICE OFFICER AND "PEACE OFFICER" MEANS ANY PERSON
9 DESIGNATED AS A PEACE OFFICER PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.10 OF THE CRIMINAL
10 PROCEDURE LAW.
11 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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