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Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the civil rights law, in relation to videotaping  
uniformed personnel in the course of carrying out their professional  
duties

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

1     Section 1. The civil rights law is amended by adding a new section  
2     79-o to read as follows:  
3     S 79-O. RIGHT TO VIDEOTAPE UNIFORMED PERSONNEL. 1. ANY PERSON MAY  
4     VIDEOTAPE UNIFORMED PERSONNEL IN THE COURSE OF CARRYING OUT THEIR  
5     DUTIES, AS LONG AS SUCH PERSON DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH UNIFORMED PERSON-  
6     NEL FROM CARRYING OUT THEIR DUTIES.  
7     2. "UNIFORMED PERSONNEL" AS USED IN THIS SECTION, SHALL MEAN POLICE,  
8     FIREFIGHTERS, EMERGENCY TECHNICIANS AND PARAMEDICS.  
9     3. A PERSON WHO IS PREVENTED OR PROHIBITED FROM VIDEOTAPING, AS  
10    DESCRIBED IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION, BY UNIFORMED PERSONNEL,  
11    MAY RECOVER DAMAGES IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS PER  
12    VIOLATION.  
13    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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