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Introduced by M. of A. HOOPER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Local Governments

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to providing coverage for injuries while in the line of duty by bay constables in the town of Hempstead, Nassau county

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 207-c of the general municipal law, as amended by section 1 of chapter 522 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

1. Any sheriff, undersheriff, deputy sheriff or corrections officer of the sheriff's department of any county (hereinafter referred to as a "[policeman] police officer") or any member of a police force of any county, city of less than one million population, town or village, or of any district, agency, board, body or commission thereof, or a detec-9 tive-investigator or any other investigator who is a police officer 10 pursuant to the provisions of the criminal procedure law employed in the office of a district attorney of any county, or any corrections officer 11 12 the county of Erie department of corrections, or an advanced ambu-13 lance medical technician employed by the county of Nassau, or any 14 detention officer employed by the city of Yonkers, or any supervising fire inspector, fire inspector, fire marshal or assistant fire marshal 15 employed full-time in the county of Nassau fire marshal's office, or at 16 the option of the county of Nassau, any probation officer of the county 17 of Nassau, or any director of bay constables, assistant director of bay 18 constables, bay constable II, or bay constable employed by the depart-19 20 ment of conservation and waterways in the town of Hempstead, county of 21 Nassau, who is injured in the performance of his or her duties or who is taken sick as a result of the performance of his or her duties so as to 23 necessitate medical or other lawful remedial treatment shall be paid by 24 the municipality by which he or she is employed the full amount of his

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

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or her regular salary or wages until his or her disability arising therefrom has ceased, and, in addition such municipality shall be liable for 3 all medical treatment and hospital care necessitated by reason of such injury or illness. Provided, however, and notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, the municipal health authorities or any physician appointed for the purpose by the municipality, after a deter-7 mination has first been made that such injury or sickness was incurred during, or resulted from, such performance of duty, may attend any such 9 injured or sick [policeman] police officer, from time to time, for the 10 purpose of providing medical, surgical or other treatment, or for making 11 inspections and the municipality shall not be liable for salary or wages payable to such [police officer, or for the cost of 12 treatment or hospital care furnished after such date as such health 13 14 authorities or physician shall certify that such injured or sick [policeman] police officer has recovered and is physically able to 15 16 perform his or her regular duties. Any injured or sick [policeman] 17 police officer who shall refuse to accept medical treatment or hospital care or shall refuse to permit medical inspections as [herein] author-18 19 ized in this section, including examinations pursuant to subdivision two 20 this section, shall be deemed to have waived [his] or her rights 21 under this section in respect to expenses for medical treatment or 22 hospital care rendered and for salary or wages payable after such 23 refusal.

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a provider of medical treatment or hospital care furnished pursuant to the provisions of this section shall not collect or attempt to collect reimbursement for such treatment or care from any such [policeman] police officer, a member of a police force of any county, city, any such advanced ambulance medical technician, any such detention officer or any such detective-investigator or any other such investigator who is a police officer pursuant to the provisions of the criminal procedure law.

- § 2. Subdivision 1 of section 207-c of the general municipal law, as amended by section 2 of chapter 522 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:
- 34 35 1. Any sheriff, undersheriff, deputy sheriff or corrections officer of 36 the sheriff's department of any county or any member of a police force 37 of any county, city of less than one million population, town or 38 village, or of any district, agency, board, body or commission thereof, 39 any LIRR police officer as defined in paragraph two of subdivision a of section three hundred eighty-nine of the retirement and social secu-40 41 rity law whose benefits are provided in and pursuant to such section 42 three hundred eighty-nine, or a detective-investigator or any other 43 investigator who is a police officer pursuant to the provisions of the 44 criminal procedure law employed in the office of a district attorney of 45 any county, or any corrections officer of the county of Erie department 46 of corrections, or an advanced ambulance medical technician employed by 47 the county of Nassau, or any detention officer employed by the city of 48 Yonkers, or any supervising fire inspector, fire inspector, fire 49 marshal, or assistant fire marshal employed full-time in the county of 50 Nassau fire marshal's office, or at the option of the county of Nassau, 51 any probation officer of the county of Nassau, or any director of bay 52 constables, assistant director of bay constables, bay constable II, or bay constable employed by the department of conservation and waterways 54 in the town of Hempstead, county of Nassau, who is injured in the 55 performance of his or her duties or who is taken sick as a result of the performance of his or her duties so as to necessitate medical or other

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lawful remedial treatment shall be paid by the municipality or The Long Island Rail Road Company by which he or she is employed the full amount of his $\underline{\text{or her}}$ regular salary or wages from such employer until his $\underline{\text{or}}$ 3 her disability arising therefrom has ceased, and, in addition such municipality or The Long Island Rail Road Company shall be liable for all medical treatment and hospital care necessitated by reason of such inju-Provided, however, and notwithstanding the foregoing 7 ry or illness. provisions of this section, the municipal or The Long Island Rail Road 9 Company health authorities or any physician appointed for the purpose by 10 the municipality or The Long Island Rail Road Company, as relevant, after a determination has first been made that such injury or sickness 11 was incurred during, or resulted from, such performance of duty, may 12 attend any such injured or sick [policeman] police officer, from time to 13 14 time, for the purpose of providing medical, surgical or other treatment, 15 for making inspections, and the municipality or The Long Island Rail 16 Road Company, as the case may be, shall not be liable for salary or 17 wages payable to such [policeman] police officer, or for the cost of medical treatment or hospital care furnished after such date as such 18 health authorities or physician shall certify that such injured or sick 19 20 [policeman] police officer has recovered and is physically able to 21 perform his or her regular duties. Any injured or sick [policeman] police officer who shall refuse to accept medical treatment or hospital 22 care or shall refuse to permit medical inspections as [herein] author-23 ized in this section, including examinations pursuant to subdivision two 24 25 of this section, shall be deemed to have waived his or her rights under 26 this section in respect to expenses for medical treatment or hospital 27 care rendered and for salary or wages payable after such refusal. 28

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a provider of medical treatment or hospital care furnished pursuant to the provisions of this section shall not collect or attempt to collect reimbursement for such treatment or care from any such [policeman] police officer, any such advanced ambulance medical technician or any such detention officer.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, that the amendments to subdivision 1 of section 207-c of the general municipal law made by section one of this act shall be subject to the expiration and reversion of such subdivision pursuant to section 7 of chapter 628 of the laws of 1991, as amended, when upon such date the provisions of section two of this act shall take effect.