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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. McDONALD, GOTTFRIED, HARRIS, BENEDETTO, D'URSO, ORTIZ, MONTESANO, BLAKE, RIVERA -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. COOK, CROUCH, GALEF -- read once and referred to the Committee on Local Governments -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the county law, in relation to training requirements for coroners and coroner's deputies

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

1 Section 1. The county law is amended by adding a new section 679 to
2 read as follows:

3 § 679. Training requirements for coroners and coroner's deputies. Each
4 coroner and coroner's deputy, whether elected or appointed pursuant to
5 section four hundred of this chapter, shall attend and successfully
6 complete state-approved courses in medical-legal investigation. The cost
7 of such courses shall be the responsibility of the coroner or coroner's
8 deputy, provided however that the county may, at its discretion, reim-
9 burse the coroner or coroner's deputy for all or a portion of the cost
10 of such courses. Such courses shall be prescribed, certified and accred-
11 ited pursuant to rules promulgated by the department of health, in
12 consultation with the department of state, the division of criminal
13 justice services, the superintendent of state police, the commissioner
14 of education, and the chair of the commission on forensic science. The
15 department of health may also consult with qualified professional
16 groups. Such rules shall also establish the frequency and duration for
17 successful completion of any such courses by a coroner or coroner's
18 deputy and may prescribe heightened levels of training for any newly
19 elected or appointed coroner or coroner's deputy.

20 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
21 it shall have become a law; provided, however, that the commissioner of
22 health is authorized and directed to promulgate any rules and regu-
23 lations necessary to implement the provisions of this act on its effec-
24 tive date on or before such date.

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

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