STATE OF NEW YORK

10697

IN ASSEMBLY

July 1, 2020

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Simotas) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to prohibiting members of the state police, police officers, and peace officers from intentionally covering their badges

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

Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 214-g to read as follows:

§ 214-g. Display of badge. 1. No sworn member of the state police, while acting in his or her official capacity as a sworn member of the state police, shall intentionally cover his or her badge so that his or her identification is not visible.

2. The division of state police shall impose a fine of five hundred dollars upon any sworn member of the state police who is reported to have violated the provisions of subdivision one of this section, for each such violation.

3. The superintendent shall create a telephone number, which shall be posted on the division's website, which citizens may call to report a sworn member of the state police being in violation of subdivision one of this section.

§ 2. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 837-w to read as follows:

§ 837-w. Display of badge. 1. No police officer or peace officer, while acting in his or her official capacity as a police officer or peace officer, shall intentionally cover his or her badge so that his or her identification is not visible.

2. The division of criminal justice services shall impose a fine of five hundred dollars upon any police officer or peace officer who is reported to have violated the provisions of subdivision one of this section, for each such violation.

3. The commissioner shall create a telephone number, which shall be posted on the division's website, which citizens may call to report a police officer or peace officer being in violation of subdivision one of this section.

§ 3. 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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