

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. BARRON, VANEL, WILLIAMS, WRIGHT, ORTIZ, BLAKE, COOK, MOSLEY, TITUS, O'DONNELL, PERRY -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. HYNDMAN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the criminal procedure law, in relation to requiring grand jury proceedings for police officers or peace officers involved in a shooting or excessive use of force that led or leads to the death or personal injury of an unarmed civilian to be conducted in open, contemporaneous public hearings; prohibiting indictment of a police or peace officer involved in a shooting or an incident involving excessive use of force by way of an indictment by information; and requiring a district attorney who declines to pursue an indictment of police or peace officers to provide a report explaining his or her decision

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

1     Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 190.55 of the criminal procedure  
2 law is amended to read as follows:

3     1. (a) A grand jury may hear and examine evidence concerning the  
4 alleged commission of any offense prosecutable in the courts of the  
5 county, and concerning any misconduct, nonfeasance or neglect in public  
6 office by a public servant, whether criminal or otherwise.

7     (b) Grand jury proceedings for police officers or peace officers  
8 involved in a shooting or excessive use of force that led or leads to  
9 the death or personal injury of an unarmed civilian shall be conducted  
10 in open, contemporaneous public hearings.

11     (c) A district attorney charged with investigating police officers or  
12 peace officers involved in a shooting or excessive use of force that led  
13 or leads to the death or personal injury of an unarmed civilian shall  
14 not seek indictment of the defendant officers by way of an indictment by  
15 information.

16     (d) A district attorney who declines to pursue an indictment of police  
17 officers or peace officers involved in a shooting or excessive use of

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

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1 force that led or leads to the death or personal injury of an unarmed  
2 civilian shall produce a detailed report that describes how they reached  
3 such decision.

4     § 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall  
5 have become a law.