AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to establishing a hate crimes prevention training program

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

Section 1. Section 837-a of the executive law is amended by adding a new subdivision 10 to read as follows:

10. (a) In consultation with civil rights or anti-discrimination organizations, the municipal police training council and the superintendent of state police, develop a training program and associated training materials, to provide instruction and information to state and local law enforcement on the recognition of and response to hate crimes, as defined in article four hundred eighty-five of the penal law. The training program and associated training materials shall include any other information deemed necessary and appropriate by the commissioner.

(b) Such training program shall include an initial training program as well as a refresher training program every two years.

(c) The division may contract with civil rights or anti-discrimination organizations in order to develop and implement such training program.

(d) The division shall develop a process to review and approve any existing training program administered by a state or local law enforcement agency provided such program meets the requirements of this subdivision.

Section 2. Section 840 of the executive law is amended by adding a new subdivision 6 to read as follows:

6. The council shall, in addition:

(a) Develop policies and procedures to implement, in consultation with the commissioner, the training program established pursuant to subdivision ten of section eight hundred thirty-seven-a of this article, regarding the recognition of and response to hate crimes. Such policies

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

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and procedures shall make provisions for the education and training of
new and veteran police officers every two years on the recognition of
and response to hate crimes; and

(b) Recommend to the governor and the legislature, rules and regu-
lations with respect to the establishment and implementation on an ongo-
ing basis of a training program for all current and new police officers
regarding the policies and procedures established pursuant to this
subdivision, along with recommendations for retraining of police offi-
cers every two years.

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

§ 214-g. Hate crimes prevention training program. The superintendent
shall, for all members of the state police:

1. Develop policies and procedures to implement, in consultation with
the commissioner of the division of criminal justice services, the
training program established pursuant to subdivision ten of section
eight hundred thirty-seven-a of this chapter, regarding the recognition
of and response to hate crimes. Such policies and procedures shall make
provisions for the education and training of new and veteran police
officers every two years on the recognition of and response to hate
crimes; and

2. Recommend to the governor and the legislature, rules and regu-
lations with respect to the establishment and implementation on an ongo-
ing basis of a training program for all current and new police officers
regarding the policies and procedures established pursuant to this
section, along with recommendations for retraining of police officers
every two years.

§ 4. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or
repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of
this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed
on or before such effective date.