

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. PERSAUD -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the executive law, the general municipal law and the town law, in relation to requiring the inclusion of diversity and inclusion training in the basic training and pre-employment course curriculums for state police officers and municipal police officers and sheriffs; to amend the general municipal law, in relation to requiring the inclusion of diversity and inclusion training in the basic training and pre-employment course curricula for members of fire departments and companies; to amend the correction law, in relation to requiring the inclusion of diversity and inclusion training in the basic training and pre-employment course curricula for correction officers; and to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring the inclusion of diversity and inclusion training in the basic training and pre-employment course curricula for first responders, emergency medical technicians and advanced emergency medical technicians

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

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

3 § 214-g. Training. 1. The superintendent shall establish policies and
4 procedures requiring that state police basic training and pre-employment
5 course curricula include training in the areas of diversity and inclu-
6 sion, including training pertaining to appropriate sensitivity to issues
7 of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religion, age and disa-
8 bilities. Such training shall comprise not less than twenty percent of
9 the basic training and pre-employment course training curricula. Diver-
10 sity training shall be provided by an accredited educator and/or trainer
11 approved by the superintendent of the state police.

12 2. The superintendent of the state police shall provide information
13 pertaining to such policies and procedures to municipal law enforcement
14 agencies and departments, fire departments, the department of
15 corrections and community supervision and the department of health for
16 implementation of such curricula by such agencies and departments.

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

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1 3. The superintendent of the state police shall promulgate rules and
2 regulations necessary to effectuate the provisions of this section.

3 § 2. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new section
4 208-i to read as follows:

5 § 208-i. Mandatory police officer diversity training. The chief offi-
6 cer of every police department and sheriff's office in the state shall
7 establish and implement basic training and pre-employment course curric-
8 ula for all members of such office or department and for all current and
9 new officer employees in accordance with the diversity policies and
10 procedures established pursuant to section two hundred fourteen-g of the
11 executive law.

12 § 3. Section 204-d of the general municipal law, as amended by section
13 44 of part B of chapter 56 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as
14 follows:

15 § 204-d. Duties of the fire chief. 1. The fire chief of any fire
16 department or company shall, in addition to any other duties assigned to
17 him by law or contract, to the extent reasonably possible determine or
18 cause to be determined the cause of each fire or explosion which the
19 fire department or company has been called to suppress. He shall file
20 with the office of fire prevention and control a report containing such
21 determination and any additional information required by such office
22 regarding the fire or explosion. The report shall be in the form desig-
23 nated by such office. He shall contact or cause to be contacted the
24 appropriate investigatory authority if he has reason to believe the fire
25 or explosion is of incendiary or suspicious origin. For all fires that
26 are suspected to have been ignited by a cigarette, within fourteen days
27 after completing the investigation into such fire, the fire chief shall
28 forward to the office of fire prevention and control information detail-
29 ing, to the extent possible: (a) the specific brand and style of the
30 cigarette suspected of having ignited such fire; (b) whether the ciga-
31 rette package was marked as required by subdivision six of section one
32 hundred fifty-six-c of the executive law; and (c) the location and
33 manner in which such cigarette was purchased.

34 2. The fire chief of any fire department or company in the state shall
35 establish and implement basic training and pre-employment course curric-
36 ula for all members of such fire department or company and for all
37 current and new employees in accordance with the diversity policies and
38 procedures established pursuant to section two hundred fourteen-g of the
39 executive law.

40 § 4. The town law is amended by adding a new section 155-a to read as
41 follows:

42 § 155-a. Mandatory police officer diversity training. The chief offi-
43 cer of every police department in the state shall establish and imple-
44 ment basic training and pre-employment course curricula for all members
45 of such office and for all current and new officer employees in accord-
46 ance with the diversity policies and procedures established pursuant to
47 section two hundred fourteen-g of the executive law.

48 § 5. The correction law is amended by adding a new section 22-b to
49 read as follows:

50 § 22-b. Mandatory correction officer diversity training. The commis-
51 sioner shall establish and implement basic training and pre-employment
52 course curricula for all members of the department and for all current
53 and new officer employees in accordance with the diversity policies and
54 procedures established pursuant to section two hundred fourteen-g of the
55 executive law.

1 § 6. Section 3002 of the public health law is amended by adding a new
2 subdivision 2-c to read as follows:

3 2-c. The commissioner, in consultation with the state emergency
4 medical services council, shall establish and implement basic training
5 and pre-employment course curricula for all current first responders,
6 emergency medical technicians and advanced emergency medical technicians
7 and for all new first responders, emergency medical technicians and
8 advanced emergency medical technicians in accordance with the diversity
9 policies and procedures established pursuant to section two hundred
10 fourteen-g of the executive law.

11 § 7. This act shall take effect immediately.