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Introduced by M. of A. REYES, AUBRY, L. ROSENTHAL, CARROLL, EPSTEIN, NIOU, GLICK, BARRON, HUNTER, JOYNER, ABINANTI, PICHARDO, FERNANDEZ, FRONTUS, GOTTFRIED, SMULLEN, SIMON -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. ENGLEBRIGHT -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to requiring members of the metropolitan transportation authority police force to wear body cameras

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 1266-h of the public authorities law, as added by chapter 327 of the laws of 1997, is amended to read as follows:

1. The authority is hereby authorized and empowered, to provide and maintain an authority police department and a uniformed authority police force. Each member of such uniformed police force shall be a "police officer" for the purposes of the criminal procedure law, with all of the powers of such police officers thereunder and subject to the same jurisdictional provisions on the exercise of that power as set forth in such law. **Each police officer shall be assigned and required to wear during his or her shift a body-worn camera which shall be capable of both audio and video recording and shall be on at all times during the officer's shift.** The geographical area of employment of such police officers for the purposes of the criminal procedure law shall embrace the metropolitan commuter transportation district as defined in section twelve hundred sixty-two of this title. Such department and force shall have the power, in and about any or all of the facilities owned, occupied and/or operated by the authority and its subsidiary corporations, the New York city transit authority and its subsidiaries, and the triborough bridge and tunnel authority, as determined in the discretion of the authority, to enforce and prevent violation of all laws and ordinances.

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

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Nothing herein shall confer upon the authority police force or upon their collective negotiations representatives exclusive jurisdiction or claim over the exercise of police power or security work on behalf of the authority and its subsidiary corporations, the New York city transit authority and its subsidiaries, and the triborough bridge and tunnel authority. Nothing herein shall limit the authority and its subsidiary corporations, the New York city transit authority and its subsidiaries, and the triborough bridge and tunnel authority from continuing to rely on local police for police services. However, traditional police functions previously performed by the Long Island Rail Road Company and/or the Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company police force shall continue to be performed by the authority police forces.

§ 2. Rules and regulations. The chief of the metropolitan transportation authority police shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of this act.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.