STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

March 19, 2021

Introduced by M. of A. EPSTEIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to prohibiting the possession of certain weapons or equipment by law enforcement agencies

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

Section 1. Section 837 of the executive law is amended by adding a new subdivision 23 to read as follows:

23. (a) Prohibit a law enforcement agency from possessing the following property:

(i) drones that are armored, weaponized, or both;

(ii) aircraft that are combat configured or combat coded;

(iii) grenades or similar explosives and grenade launchers;

(iv) silencers;

(v) militarized armored vehicles;

(vi) camouflage uniforms;

(vii) bayonets; and

(viii) chemical incapacitants.

(b) For purposes of this subdivision, "law enforcement agency" means any agency which is empowered by law to conduct an investigation or to make an arrest for a felony, and any agency which is authorized by law to prosecute or participate in the prosecution of a felony.

(c) If a law enforcement agency requests property from a military equipment surplus program, the law enforcement agency shall publish a notice of the request on its publicly accessible website within fourteen days after such request.

§ 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2023.

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

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