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IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to creating the police
   safety equipment grant program; and making an appropriation therefor

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

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 1    Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section  839-a
 2  to read as follows:
 3    § 839-a.  Police  safety  equipment  grant  program.  There is hereby
 4  created within the division of criminal justice services a police safety
 5  equipment grant program to be administered by the commissioner to  award
 6  grants  to  provide  for  services and expenses related to police safety
 7  equipment including, but not limited to, bullet resistant vests, ballis-
 8  tic vehicle door panels, riot  shields,  conducted  energy  devices  and
 9  portable  electronic tablets.  A grant may be awarded upon submission of
10  an application to the commissioner. Such application for a  grant  shall
11  demonstrate  a  specific need for an award of a grant to provide protec-
12  tive equipment for police officers as defined in  section  1.20  of  the
13  criminal procedure law.
14    § 2. The sum of thirty million dollars ($30,000,000), or so much ther-
15  eof  as  may  be  necessary, is hereby appropriated to the police safety
16  equipment grant program as established pursuant to section 839-a of  the
17  executive law from any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appro-
18  priated  and  made  immediately  available  to  the division of criminal
19  justice services for distribution to local law enforcement agencies  for
20  the  purposes  of  carrying  out the provisions of this act. Such moneys
21  shall be payable on the audit and warrant of the comptroller on vouchers
22  certified or approved by the commissioner of criminal  justice  services
23  in the manner prescribed by law.
24    § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.
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