STATE OF NEW YORK

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

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to requiring de-escalation training for police officers

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

Section 1. Section 840 of the executive law is amended by adding a new subdivision 7 to read as follows:

7. The council shall, in addition:

(a) Develop, maintain and disseminate written policies and procedures regarding interactions that may require de-escalation techniques. For the purposes of this subdivision, "de-escalation techniques" shall mean the use of non-violent strategies and techniques to decrease the intensity of a situation, improve decision-making, improve communication, reduce the need for force and increase voluntary compliance. Such policies and procedures shall make provisions for the education and training of new and veteran police officers on the recognition of and response to interactions where de-escalation techniques are required and the appropriate de-escalation techniques to use in such interaction; and

(b) Recommend to the governor, rules and regulations with respect to the establishment and implementation on an ongoing 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 periodic retraining of police officers.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth 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 on or before such date.

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

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