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IN SENATE

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

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to requiring the release of body camera recordings in instances where an officer fires a gun and hits someone or could have caused injury, uses a stun gun, or makes use of any other force that causes harm within thirty days of such incident

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

Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 837-w to read as follows:

§ 837-w. Body camera recordings release; use of force. 1. Police agencies shall release body camera recordings of instances where a police officer or peace officer: (a) fires a gun and hits someone or could have caused injury; (b) uses a stun gun; or (c) makes use of any other force that causes harm. Such body camera recordings shall be released within thirty days of such instance.

2. As used in this section, "body camera recordings" shall mean video and audio recordings captured by a camera worn by a police officer or peace officer.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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