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IN SENATE

March 24, 2021

Introduced by Sens. PARKER, THOMAS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to requiring municipalities, authorities and agencies to obtain liability insurance on each duly appointed police officer

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

Section 1. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new section 52-a to read as follows:

§ 52-a. Liability insurance for police officers. Each city, county, town, village, authority or agency shall obtain and continuously maintain a policy of liability insurance on each duly appointed police officer of such municipality, authority or agency in an amount not less than two hundred thousand dollars for covering civil rights violation claims that arise from the performance of such officer's powers and duties. Such insurance shall be used to pay any legal fees and/or judgments associated with such claims.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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