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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. MAY -- 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 ensuring that color vision requirements for appointment of police officers are tailored to only eliminate individuals with extreme color vision deficiencies from eligibility

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 2-c to read as follows:

2-c. Rules and/or regulations promulgated pursuant to subdivision two of this section relating to color vision requirements for individuals eligible for appointment as police officers shall be tailored to only eliminate individuals with extreme color vision deficiencies from such eligibility. A police officer or applicant who fails to meet an initial color vision standard shall be deemed to meet such standard upon demonstrating that they can correctly discriminate colors via a field test approved by the council and conducted by the county, city, town, village or police district. For the purposes of this subdivision, the term "extreme color vision deficiencies" shall mean extreme anomalous trichromatism or monochromacy color vision, as determined through testing approved by the council, which may include a Farnsworth Dichotomous D-15 Test or any other test designed and documented to identify extreme anomalous trichromatic, dichromatic or monochromatic color vision.

§ 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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