STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. MARTINEZ, MURRAY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to establishing the police canine vest fund

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

Section 1. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 97-bbbbb to read as follows:

§ 97-bbbbb. Police canine vest fund. 1. There is hereby established in the joint custody of the state comptroller and the commissioner of taxation and finance a fund to be known as the "police canine vest fund".

2. The fund shall consist of all moneys credited, appropriated or transferred thereto from any other fund or source. Nothing contained in this section shall prevent the state from receiving grants, gifts or bequests for the purposes of the fund as defined in this section and depositing them into the fund according to law.

3. Moneys from the fund shall be used for the purpose of purchasing, maintaining, repairing and replacing soft body ballistic armor vests and other protective equipment for state police and municipal department police canines utilized in the performance of police duties, as well as the purchasing and training of such police canines.

4. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prohibit the division of state police or any municipal police department from expending its own funds for ballistic armor vests or other protective equipment for police canines.

5. A municipal police department utilizing one or more police canines may apply to the superintendent of the state police for the purchase, maintenance, repair or replacement of police canine vests and other protective equipment as provided in subdivision three of this section.

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

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The superintendent of the state police shall establish a process for application by such police departments and for selection of departments to receive police canine vests or other protective equipment.

6. Moneys shall be paid out of the fund on the audit and warrant of the state comptroller on vouchers approved by the superintendent of state police. Any interest received by the comptroller on moneys on deposits in the fund shall be retained in and become part of such fund. No money from such fund may be withdrawn, transferred, or used by any person for any purpose other than as permitted by this section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall have become a law and shall apply to all claims filed on and after such effective date. 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 and completed on or before such date.