STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. RHOADS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Civil Service and Pensions

AN ACT to amend the civil service law, in relation to providing additional credits to Nassau county law enforcement explorers

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

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Nassau future protectors act".

§ 2. The civil service law is amended by adding a new article 6-A to read as follows:

ARTICLE 6-A

SPECIAL RIGHTS FOR NASSAU COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORERS

Section 89. Additional credit allowed for Nassau county law enforcement explorers in competitive examinations; preference in retention upon abolition of positions.

§ 89. Additional credit allowed for Nassau county law enforcement explorers in competitive examinations; preference in retention upon abolition of positions. 1. Additional credits shall be allowed for participants of the Nassau county law enforcement exploring program in competitive examinations for original appointment. The Nassau county law enforcement exploring program shall be defined as a youth police training program which provides youths between the ages of fourteen and twenty with training and on the purpose, mission and objectives of the Nassau county police department, public safety and law enforcement.

(a) On all eligible lists resulting from competitive examinations, the names of eligible persons shall be entered in the order of respective final earned ratings on examinations, with the name of the eligible person with the highest final earned ratings at the head of such list, provided, however, that for the purpose of determining final earned ratings, Nassau county law enforcement explorers shall be entitled to receive additional points in a competitive examination for original appointment in Nassau county. An eligible person who served as a Nassau county law enforcement explorer for a minimum of four years shall receive an additional five points. An eligible person who served as a

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

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Nassau county law enforcement explorer for less than four years shall receive an additional two points.

(b) Such additional credit shall be added to the final earned rating of such Nassau county law enforcement explorer, after such explorer qualified in the competitive examination and shall be granted only at the time of establishment of the resulting eligible list.

2. Any candidate, believing themselves to be entitled to additional credit in a competitive examination as provided in this section, may make application for such additional credit at any time between the date of application for examination and the date of the establishment of the resulting eligible list. Such candidates shall be allowed a period of not less than two months from the date of the filing of the application for examination in which to establish by appropriate documentary proof the eligibility to receive additional credit under this section. At any time after two months have elapsed since the final date for filing applications for a competitive examination for original appointment, the eligible list resulting from such examination may be established, notwithstanding the fact that a Nassau county law enforcement explorer who has applied for additional credit has failed to establish the eligibility to receive such additional credit. A candidate who fails to establish, by appropriate documentary proof, the eligibility to receive additional credit by the time an eligible list is established shall not thereafter be granted additional credit on such eligible list.

3. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, no person who has received a permanent original appointment in the civil service of Nassau county thereof from an eligible list on which such person was allowed the additional credit granted by this section as a Nassau county law enforcement explorer, shall thereafter be entitled to any additional credit under this section.

(b) Where, at the time of establishment of an eligible list, the position of a Nassau county law enforcement explorer on such list has not been affected by the addition of credits granted under this section, the appointment of such Nassau county law enforcement explorer from such eligible list shall not be deemed to have been made from an eligible list on which they were allowed the additional credit granted by this section.

(c) If, at the time of appointment from an eligible list, a Nassau county law enforcement explorer is in the same relative standing among the eligible persons who are willing to accept appointment as if such explorer had not been granted the additional credits as provided by this section, the appointment from such eligible persons shall not be deemed to have been made from an eligible list on which they were allowed such additional credits.

(d) Where a Nassau county law enforcement explorer has been originally appointed from an eligible list on which such explorer was allowed such additional credit, but such appointment is thereafter terminated either at the end of the probationary term or by resignation at or before the end of the probationary term, such explorer shall not be deemed to have been appointed, as the case may be, from an eligible list on which such explorer is allowed additional credit, and such appointment shall not affect such explorer's eligibility for additional credit in other examinations.

4. An application for additional credit in a competitive examination under this section may be withdrawn by the applicant at any time prior to the establishment of the resulting eligible list. At any time during the term of existence of an eligible list resulting from a competitive

examination in which a Nassau county law enforcement explorer has received the additional credit granted by this section, such Nassau county law enforcement explorer may elect, prior to permanent original appointment, to relinquish the additional credit granted and accept the lower position on such eligible list to which such explorer would otherwise have been entitled; provided, however, that such election shall thereafter be irrevocable. Such election shall be in writing and signed by the Nassau county law enforcement explorer, and transmitted to the department or the appropriate municipal civil service commission.

5. The department and each municipal commission shall establish and maintain in its office a roster of all such Nassau county law enforcement explorers appointed as a result of additional credits granted by this section to positions under its jurisdiction. The appointment of a Nassau county law enforcement explorer as a result of additional credits shall be void if such Nassau county law enforcement explorer, prior to such appointment, had been appointed as a result of additional credits granted by this section.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.