STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

May 1, 2026

Introduced by M. of A. WALKER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law and the general municipal law, in relation to requiring a police officer accompanying federal immigration officers to wear and use a body camera and secure the recordings

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

Section 1. Paragraphs (h) and (i) of subdivision 2 of section 234 of the executive law, as added by chapter 105 of the laws of 2020, are amended to read as follows:

(h) any interaction with an emotionally disturbed person; [~~and~~]

(i) any instance when an officer accompanies or is in the presence of an agent or officer of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement or of U.S. Customs and Boarder Protection who is performing immigration-related duties; and

(j) any instances where officers feel any imminent danger or the need to document their time on duty.

§ 2. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new section 208-i to read as follows:

§ 208-i. Body-worn cameras. 1. Every police department in a city or county having a population of twenty thousand or more and that has instituted a body-worn camera program shall require officers of such department to wear and turn on such body-worn cameras in any instance when the officer accompanies or is in the presence of an agent or officer of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement or of U.S. Customs and Boarder Protection who is performing immigration-related duties.

2. The police department shall preserve recordings of such body-worn cameras and perform all upkeep on equipment used in such body-worn cameras. Such duties shall include:

(a) creating a secure record of all instances where there is recorded video or audio footage;

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

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(b) ensuring officers have sufficient storage capacity on their cameras to allow for the recording of interactions required by this section; and

(c) ensuring officers have access to body-worn cameras for the recording of instances required by this section.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.