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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. MOLITOR -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the criminal procedure law, in relation to peace officer status of public safety officers of the Chautauqua Institution within the grounds of and properties owned by the Chautauqua Institution

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

1 Section 1. Section 2.10 of the criminal procedure law is amended by
2 adding a new subdivision 88 to read as follows:

3 88. (a) Public safety officers of the Chautauqua Institution who are
4 designated as peace officers by the board of trustees of the Chautauqua
5 Institution pursuant to paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of this subdivi-
6 sion; provided, however, that nothing in this subdivision shall be
7 deemed to authorize any such officer to carry, possess, repair or
8 dispose of a firearm unless the appropriate license therefor has been
9 issued pursuant to section 400.00 of the penal law.

10 (b) For the protection of the grounds, buildings and property of the
11 Chautauqua Institution, the prevention of crime and the enforcement of
12 law and order, the board of trustees of the Chautauqua Institution may
13 appoint and remove such number of public safety officers designated as
14 peace officers as is determined by the board of trustees to be necessary
15 for the maintenance of public order consistent with this subdivision.
16 Such Chautauqua Institution peace officers so appointed shall be employ-
17 ees of the Chautauqua Institution and subject to its supervision and
18 control. Such Chautauqua Institution peace officers shall have the
19 powers of peace officers within the geographic area of employment on the
20 grounds or premises owned, controlled or administered by the Chautauqua
21 Institution within the county of Chautauqua, on any public street and
22 sidewalk that abuts the grounds, buildings or property of the Chautauqua
23 Institution, and beyond such geographic area upon the request of the
24 sheriff of Chautauqua county, or such sheriff's designee, for the

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

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1 purpose of transporting an individual who has been arrested in accord-
2 ance with section 140.27 of this chapter and when no local law enforce-
3 ment officer is available for transporting such individual in a timely
4 manner.

5 (c) The Chautauqua Institution shall provide legal defense and indem-
6 nification to applicable municipalities and its officers and employees,
7 and hold them harmless, against all claims arising out of conduct by or
8 injury to such peace officers while carrying out their special duties,
9 except in those situations when they are acting as agents of the Chau-
10 tauqua county sheriff or such sheriff's designee.

11 (d) To become eligible for designation as a Chautauqua Institution
12 peace officer, a candidate shall, at a minimum, successfully complete
13 the New York state basic course for peace officers with firearms and any
14 other requirements as set forth in section 2.30 of this article.

15 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.