STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

January 30, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. JONES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Local Governments -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law and the executive law, in relation to the completion of training requirements for sheriffs and undersheriffs

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 209-q of the general municipal law, as amended by chapter 735 of the laws of 1988, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general, special or local law or charter to the contrary, no person shall, after July first, nineteen hundred sixty, receive an original appointment on a permanent basis as a police officer of any county, city, town, village or police district unless such person has previously been awarded a certificate by the executive director of the municipal police training council created under article thirty-five of the executive law, attesting to [~~his~~] **such person's** satisfactory completion of an approved municipal police basic training program **or a certificate provided pursuant to subdivision three-b of section eight hundred forty-one of the executive law**; and every person who is appointed on a temporary basis or for a probationary term or on other than a permanent basis as a police officer of any county, city, town, village or police district shall forfeit [~~his~~] **their** position as such unless [~~he~~] **such person** previously has satisfactorily completed, or within the time prescribed by regulations promulgated by the governor pursuant to section eight hundred forty-two of the executive law, satisfactorily completes, a municipal police basic training program for temporary or probationary police officers and is awarded a certificate by such director attesting thereto **or a certificate provided pursuant to subdivision three-b of section eight hundred forty-one of**

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

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the executive law. An elected or appointed sheriff may apply for a certificate provided pursuant to subdivision three-b of section eight hundred forty-one of the executive law.

§ 2. Section 840 of the executive law is amended by adding a new subdivision 9 to read as follows:

9. The council, in consultation with the superintendent of state police, shall promulgate rules and regulations with respect to:

(a) determining qualifications and credentials of persons previously appointed to the New York state police force as a sworn member, which may include successful completion of a basic training program at the state police academy, that are substantially equivalent to an approved municipal police basic training program under this article and which shall satisfy the requirements of section two hundred nine-q of the general municipal law, in lieu of the certificate awarded by the executive director of the municipal police training council attesting to satisfactory completion of an approved municipal police basic training program; and

(b) the form and manner in which a person may apply to receive a certificate attesting that such person's qualifications and credentials as a person previously appointed to the New York state police force as a sworn member are substantially equivalent to satisfactory completion of an approved municipal police basic training program.

§ 3. Section 841 of the executive law is amended by adding a new subdivision 3-b to read as follows:

3-b. Certify police officers who have qualifications and credentials that the council has determined to be substantially equivalent to an approved municipal police basic training program and issue certificates to such police officers;

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.