

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. COONEY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to the development of a critical incident policy for members of the division of state police

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

1 Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 214-j
2 to read as follows:

3 § 214-j. Critical incident policy. 1. The superintendent shall devel-
4 op, maintain and disseminate to all members of the division of state
5 police a critical incident leave policy requiring critical incident paid
6 leave for any members of the division of state police directly involved
7 in a critical incident.

8 2. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the
9 following meanings:

10 (a) the term "critical incident" shall mean any action taken by a
11 member of the division of state police during the course of the perform-
12 ance of their official duties resulting in the serious physical injury
13 or death of another person; and

14 (b) the term "critical incident paid leave" shall mean paid leave of
15 thirty calendar days for any member of the division of state police
16 whose official actions were the direct and proximate cause of the seri-
17 ous physical injury or death of another person, and paid leave of
18 fifteen calendar days for any member of the division of state police
19 who, although directly involved in a critical incident, was not the
20 direct and proximate cause of the serious physical injury or death of
21 another person.

22 3. The superintendent shall be prohibited from taking any punitive
23 administrative action against any member of the division of state police
24 granted critical incident leave under this section solely on the basis
25 of the provision of such leave.

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

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1 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
2 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-
3 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-
4 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
5 completed on or before such effective date.