STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 25, 2025

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

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to training requirements for police officers on the operation of police vehicles

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

Section 1. Section 840 of the executive law is amended by adding a new subdivision 8 to read as follows:

8. The council shall, in addition:

(a) Develop, maintain and disseminate, in consultation with the department of motor vehicles, written policies and procedures regarding the operation of police vehicles, as defined by section one hundred thirty-two-a of the vehicle and traffic law, by police officers. Such policies and procedures shall make provisions for the training of new and veteran police officers on the operation of such police vehicles;

(b) Recommend to the commissioner rules and regulations with respect to the establishment and implementation on an ongoing basis of a training program for all current and new police officers regarding the policies and procedures established pursuant to this subdivision, along with recommendations for periodic retraining of police officers, which shall include:

(i) a minimum of forty hours of training to be included in the basic course for police officers; and

(ii) a minimum of four hours of training to be included in police in-service training courses; and

(c) Disseminate the policy promulgated in accordance with this subdivision, regarding operation of police vehicles by police officers, to all police departments in this state and develop a model training program for all current and new police officers regarding such policies and procedures established pursuant to this subdivision.

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

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§ 2. Section 841 of the executive law is amended by adding a new subdivision 10 to read as follows:

10. Promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement training policies and procedures for new and veteran police officers on the operation of police vehicles developed pursuant to subdivision eight of section eight hundred forty of this article.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.