STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. CLEARE -- 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 enacting the "Wandering Officers Act" prohibiting the hiring of certain persons as a police officer

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

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Wandering Officers Act."

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

2-c. The council shall promulgate rules and regulations concerning eligibility of persons for provisional or permanent appointment in the competitive class of the civil service as police officers of any police agency or the division of state police to prohibit the provisional or permanent appointment of a person as a police officer if such person has previously been fired as a police officer from any jurisdiction within or without the state, if such person left a position as a police officer either while under an investigation or while being the subject of a disciplinary action which could result in termination from any jurisdiction within or without the state, or if such person resigned while criminal charges were pending stemming from actions committed while on duty as a police officer in any jurisdiction within or without the state.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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