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AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to assault on a member of an auxiliary police program, a traffic enforcement agent or a public officer or public employee performing school safety or security duties, and technical corrections relating to assault on a firefighter or related personnel in a hospital emergency department, member of an auxiliary police program, traffic enforcement agent or public officer or public employee performing school safety or security duties

A6973 – Introduced by Member of the Assembly Lentol

The New York State Association of Auxiliary Police, a fraternal organization representing over 7,000 volunteers in over 60 Law Enforcement agencies in the State of New York, strongly supports this legislation which seeks to create the "auxiliary police officer protection act".

This bill seeks to establish the same protection afforded to peace officers, police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical professionals to members of auxiliary police programs, traffic enforcement agents or public officers or public employees performing school safety or security duties.

On March 14, 2007, the lives of two brave young New York City Police Department Auxiliary Police Officers were taken in a murderous rampage. Auxiliary Police Officers Nicholas Pekearo and Eugene Marshalik died heroically, and their efforts probably prevented further death and injury from occurring.

Auxiliary police officers, TEAs, and school safety personnel put their lives on the line for the safety of the public daily. In order to do their jobs effectively, they must be reasonably assured that the law provides a deterrent to those who would commit criminal acts that could result in their death. It is not only the safety of these public servants at stake, but the welfare of our citizenry, since their safety and well-being depends upon the ability of these public servants to perform their duties unfettered by criminal acts of interference.

Respectfully Submitted,

Glenn J. Kearney, President