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An act to amend the executive law, the criminal procedure law, the general business law and the public officers law, in relation to peace officer training; and repealing section 845-a of the executive law relating thereto.

### **S6102-A – Introduced by Member of the Senate Adams**

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 consolidate and streamlines the police officer and peace officer registries, and upgrades and clarifies minimum training requirements for peace officers.

The requirements of the police officer and peace officer registries, as set forth in Executive Law 58845 and 845a, are similar, but not identical. This proposal will consolidate the requirements for each registry in section 845, thereby ensuring a consistent registry process for both classes of officers. The current peace officer training requirements were enacted in 1980. The environment in which peace officers carry out their functions, powers, and duties has changed drastically since that time, and the current 35-hour and ten-hour training Courses are grossly inadequate to prepare peace officers to safely carry out their functions. This proposal would require peace officers to complete a training course prescribed by the Municipal Police Training Council consisting of no more than 180 hours. This is the number of hours of training reasonably needed for peace officers to exercise the powers enumerated in CPL 2.20. This will enhance public safety generally, protect peace officers, safety, and ensure that the Council is able to maintain the peace officer basic training course in a manner consistent with contemporary conditions. The bill also eliminates the limitation on part-time peace officer training. Peace officers possess the same powers and are responsible for the same duties regardless of whether they are employed full-time or part-time. There is no logical reason to provide a peace officer with reduced training merely because he or she works less than 40 hours per week. In recognition of the fact that the new requirements may have fiscal implications and/or other adverse impacts on some peace officer employers, the proposal would "grandfather" existing peace officers. Thus, the new training requirements would apply only to peace officers appointed on or after the effective date. Peace officers appointed prior to the effective date would continue to be subject to the training requirements in place at the time of their appointment.

Respectfully Submitted,

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