

Supporting New York State Senate Bill S7280 And New York State Assembly Bill A09107, Supporting The "Emergency First Responders Privacy And Protection Act"

Referred to: The Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee (Chairwoman Walter and Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner, and Parete)

Legislator Craig Lopez and Legislators Bruno, Corcoran, Fabiano, Haynes, Litts, Maio, Petit, Roberts, Ronk and Wawro offer the following:

WHEREAS, new discovery reform laws were passed in the 2019-2020 NYS Budget that overhauled the discovery process, requiring an expedited timeline to provide materials such as police reports, radio transmissions, body-worn and dash-cam video, along with other data related to prosecution; and

WHEREAS, the current law protects law enforcement personnel by allowing their personal identifying information to be excluded from discovery documents and records, but does not include protections for first responders, who, in many instances, provide service at crime scenes; and

WHEREAS, ambulance services personnel, advanced life support first response services, certified first responders, firefighters, emergency medical technicians or advanced emergency medical technicians, who are employed by or enrolled members of any such service should also have their personal identifying information protected from discovery, so they are not subject to retaliation or witness tampering; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby strongly urges all members of the New York Senate and Assembly to support and Governor Cuomo to immediately sign into law S7280/A09107, the "Emergency First Responders Privacy and Protection Act"; and, be it further

RESOLVED, the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Assembly and Senate Majority and Minority Leaders, Assembly and Senate Codes Committee Chairs, all Ulster County elected Assemblymembers and Senators,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

Resolution No. 96 March 17, 2020

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Passed Committee: Law Enforcement and Public Safety on March 4, 2020

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

Legislator Ronk motioned, seconded by Legislator Heppner, to Postpone the Resolution until the Next Regular Session of the Ulster County Legislature.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and Walter)

POSTPONED TO NEXT REGULAR SESSION OF THE ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE