

Requesting The New York State Legislature Introduce Legislation Expanding The Hate Crimes Law, New York Penal Law §485.05

Referred to: The Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee (Chairman Briggs and Legislators Fabiano, Lapp, Maio, and Rodriguez)

Legislator Ronald G. Lapp, Jr. offers the following:

WHEREAS, every day Troopers, Deputy Sheriffs, police officers, peace officers, and first responders do what is necessary to serve and protect the public; and

WHEREAS, Troopers, Deputy Sheriffs, police officers, peace officers, and first responders put their lives on the line because of the nature of their jobs; and

WHEREAS, Troopers, Deputy Sheriffs, police officers, peace officers, and first responders must be free from all interference in the performance of their duties and free from worry about being harmed by others to effectively perform their jobs; and

WHEREAS, the attacks on Troopers, Deputy Sheriffs, police officers, peace officers, and first responders have increased significantly in the last several years; and

WHEREAS, it necessary to provide every possible protection to Troopers, Deputy Sheriffs, police officers, peace officers, and first responders; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature supports all Troopers, Deputy Sheriffs, police officers, peace officers, and first responders, and is committed to their protection; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature finds that it is necessary to have additional deterrents to stop the attacks on Troopers, Deputy Sheriffs, police officers, peace officers, and first responders; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature determines that one deterrent would be to expand the Hate Crimes Law, New York Penal Law §485.05 to include Troopers, Deputy Sheriffs, police officers, peace officers, and first responders to those victims enumerated under the Hate Crimes Law; now it be therefore

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RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature requests that the New York State Legislature and the Governor to enact a law to add the term “the occupation of Trooper, Deputy Sheriff, police officer, peace officer, and first responder” to NY Penal Law §§485.05 (1)(a) and (b) and (2) and add “section 120.08 (assault on a Trooper, Deputy Sheriff, police officer, peace officer, or first responder)” and “section 120.11 (aggravated assault upon a police officer or peace officer) to NY Penal Law §485.05 (3)”; and be it further

RESOLVED, that these intentions be transmitted to New York State Senators George A. Amedore, John J. Bonacic, William J. Larkin, Jr. and James Seward, and New York State Assemblymen Kevin A. Cahill, Frank K. Skartados, Brian D. Miller, and Peter Lopez,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

Passed Committee: Law Enforcement and Public Safety on _____.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

NONE