

**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, **including but not limited to fire personnel and EMS**, 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, **including but not limited to fire personnel and EMS**, 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 enact a law to add the term “the occupation of Trooper, Deputy Sheriff, police officer, peace officer, and first responder, **including but not limited to fire personnel and EMS**” 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, **including but not limited to fire personnel and EMS**)” 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 AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 15                      NOES: 8

(Noes: Bartels, Berky, Delaune, Donaldson, Greene, Heppner, J. Parete, and Rodriguez)

Passed Committee: Law Enforcement and Public Safety on February 28, 2017

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

NONE

Legislator Lapp motioned, seconded by Legislator Maio, to insert the language “including but not limited to fire personnel and EMS” in the first WHEREAS, the last WHEREAS, and the first RESOLVED, as indicated above in bold font.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23                      NOES: 0

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COUNTY OF ULSTER

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is the original resolution adopted by the Ulster County Legislature on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of March in the year Two Thousand and Seventeen, and said resolution shall remain on file in the office of said clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of March in the year Two Thousand and Seventeen.

|s| Victoria A. Fabella  
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk  
Ulster County Legislature