

Home Rule Message No. 1-2021

Laid on the Table 6/8/2021

Introduced by Presiding Officer Calarco and Legislators Hahn, McCaffrey, Richberg, Berland, Spencer

**HOME RULE MESSAGE REQUESTING THE STATE OF  
NEW YORK TO ENACT AMENDMENT TO THE  
RETIREMENT AND SOCIAL SECURITY LAW, IN  
RELATION TO DEATH BENEFITS FOR DEPUTY  
SHERIFFS EMPLOYED BY SUFFOLK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, Suffolk County Deputy Sheriffs are sworn police officers under New York State Criminal Procedure Law; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate bill S.6796 and Assembly bill A.7620 seek to provide Suffolk County Deputy Sheriffs with a death benefit which is in parity with other law enforcement officers in the event the officer dies while in service; and

**WHEREAS**, a similar bill is pending to provide the same coverage to Deputy Sheriffs in Nassau County; and

**WHEREAS**, to ensure Suffolk County Deputy Sheriffs are treated equitably in comparison to other law enforcement employees in Nassau and Suffolk in the event of passing while in service, the Legislature should support Senate bill S.6796 and Assembly bill A7620; now, therefore be it

**1st RESOLVED**, that this Legislature hereby supports Senate bill S.6796 and Assembly bill A.7620; and be it further

**2nd RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of this Legislature is hereby directed to forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo; to the Majority Leader of the New York State Senate Andrea Stewart-Cousins; to the Speaker of the New York State Assembly Carl E. Heastie; to the Minority Leaders of the New York State Senate and the New York State Assembly; and to each member of the Long Island delegation to the New York State Legislature.

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