

HOME RULE MESSAGE REQUESTING THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO AMEND THE RETIREMENT AND SOCIAL SECURITY LAW WITH REGARD TO DISABILITY RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR SUFFOLK COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFFS (SENATE BILL S.6598 AND ASSEMBLY BILL A.6731)

WHEREAS, Suffolk County Deputy Sheriffs current disability benefits are two-thirds of their final average salary minus worker's compensation; and

WHEREAS, other members of law enforcement receiving accidental disability retirement receive three quarters of their final average salary minus worker's compensation; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill S.6598 and Assembly Bill A.6731 would increase the amount Suffolk County Deputy Sheriffs would receive, if they are receiving accidental disability retirement, to three quarters of their final average salary minus worker's compensation and give Suffolk Deputy Sheriffs parity with other law enforcement members that already have this benefit; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that this Legislature hereby supports Senate Bill S.6598 and Assembly Bill A.6731; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this Legislature is hereby directed to forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul; 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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