



## Legislation Text

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### Res. No. 673

Resolution calling upon the New York State Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign A.4279/S.1710, which seeks to amend the New York State Finance Law and Tax Law, in relation to establishing the police officer protection fund to be made available to the Division of Criminal Justice Services for the purpose of establishing and implementing a program to retrofit all patrol vehicles of the New York Police Department, and thereafter all patrol vehicles of the New York State Police, with bullet-proof glass.

By Council Members Williams, Chin, Gentile and Mendez

Whereas, New York Police Department (“NYPD”) officers have a very difficult and dangerous job and their safety is a high priority for all New Yorkers; and

Whereas, NYPD officers are provided with radios, weapons, and bulletproof vests to assist in keeping them safe and enabling them to do their job in a safe manner; and

Whereas, According to the National Institute of Justice, over the past 30 years, the lives of over 3000 police officers have been saved in the United States because they were wearing a bulletproof vest; and

Whereas, According to various reports, on December 20<sup>th</sup> 2014, Police Officers Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos were shot and killed through the front passenger window of their patrol car; and

Whereas, Although having had a patrol vehicle outfitted with bulletproof glass could not have guaranteed their safety, such simple safety measures should be available in the hope that it will protect other officers in the future; and

Whereas, A.4279/S.1710, introduced respectively by New York State Assemblyman Felix Ortiz and New York State Senator Philip Boyle and both currently pending, would create a fund to provide bulletproof protection to our police officers through a five year phased in retrofitting of police vehicles, first in the City and thereafter for state police, with the hope of preventing future tragedies of this kind; and

Whereas, Retro-fitting police vehicles with bulletproof glass is a matter of the utmost concern and its implementation ought not to be delayed; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the New York State Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign S.1710, which seeks to amend the New York State Finance Law and Tax Law, in relation to establishing the police officer protection fund to be made available to the Division of Criminal Justice Services for the purpose of establishing and implementing a program to retrofit all patrol vehicles of the New York Police Department, and thereafter all patrol vehicles of the New York State Police, with bulletproof glass.

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