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Res. No. 1406

Resolution calling on the New York State Legislature to introduce and pass, and the Governor to sign, legislation authorizing local police departments to enroll firearms license applicants into "Rap Back," a federal criminal record monitoring service

By Council Member Cabrera

Whereas, New York State law requires that certain firearms license applicants undergo a criminal background check; and

Whereas, This criminal background check provides a snapshot detailing applicants' past criminal history; and

Whereas, New York State law currently does not require the registration of firearms license applicants using the "Rap Back" service, which would provide ongoing status notifications regarding applicants' and licensees' criminal activity that may occur after an initial background check; and

Whereas, Such ongoing status notifications would ensure that local authorities are aware of applicants who are granted firearms licenses who have been convicted of acts that would be grounds for revocation of those licenses, such as felonies or federal offenses committed in any jurisdiction nationwide; and

Whereas, Ongoing status notifications would allow authorities to track those who commit acts in other jurisdictions that are grounds for revocation, in order to ensure that they do not possess firearms; and

Whereas, Keeping firearms out of the possession of those who have committed acts that are grounds for revocation would ensure that potentially dangerous individuals do not have access to firearms; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls on the New York State Legislature to introduce and pass, and the Governor to sign, legislation authorizing local police departments to enroll firearms license applicants into "Rap Back," a federal criminal record monitoring service.

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