



Legislation Text

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Resolution calling on the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign S8681/A9189, in relation to the imposition of securing orders for certain crimes committed by individuals without permanent residency status.

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Whereas, Recent events have highlighted concern regarding the safety of New York City residents and first responders in the performance of their duties, as according to New York Police Department Commissioner Edward Caban, “in recent months, a wave of migrant crime has washed over our City”; and

Whereas, In January of this year, an incident occurred near Times Square where two NYPD officers were assaulted while attempting to address disorderly conduct within a group of individuals; and

Whereas, Despite the NYPD apprehending the suspects allegedly involved in the attack, the subsequent release of individuals without bail, raised significant questions about the criminal justice system and its handling of individuals without permanent residency status; and

Whereas, NYPD Commissioner Caban has further expressed that alleged perpetrators have demonstrated a high level of sophistication, often operating as what he described as ghost criminals with no discernible criminal history, photographic records, or clear identification details, making law enforcement efforts challenging; and

Whereas, Mayor Eric Adams has expressed similar sentiments advocating for stringent legal consequences, including deportation for those found guilty, to ensure the safety and well-being of all residents and visitors in New York City; and

Whereas, S8681/A9189 sponsored by New York State Senator Andrew Lanza and New York State Assemblymember Jaime Williams, aims to impose securing orders for crimes perpetrated against peace officers, police officers, firefighters, emergency medical services professionals, or uniformed workers by individuals lacking permanent residency status; and

Whereas, This bill would also further mandate that such individuals be detained in the custody of the sheriff throughout the entirety of the related judicial proceedings; and

Whereas, It's simply unacceptable when anyone attacks a first responder, but we must ensure that those who lack permanent residency status are not able to slip away after being arrested before they are held to account for their actions; now therefor be it,

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls on the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign S8681/A9189, in relation to the imposition of securing orders for certain crimes committed by individuals without permanent residency status.

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