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Hoylman Bill to Increase Police Transparency and Accountability Advances Through Senate

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NEW YORK, NY - Senator Brad Hoylman (D/WF-Manhattan) released the following statement in response to the passage of the Police Statistics and Transparency (Police-STAT) Act (S1830A /A5472), through the Senate Codes Committee. The legislation would allow the state to capture and publicly report vital information about policing.

Senator Hoylman said: “New York cannot truly claim to be a progressive state so long as we have a criminal justice system that disproportionately impacts marginalized communities, including LGBTQ New Yorkers and people of color. We need to fundamentally rethink the way police departments engage with the communities they serve.

The Police STAT Act will increase transparency and give the public and policymakers an accurate accounting of how our criminal laws are being enforced and against whom. I’m grateful for the support of Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, Senator Bailey, and my co-sponsor in the Assembly, Assemblymember Lentol. With their help, I look forward to bringing this bill to the floor for a full vote this session to ensure that all New Yorkers—no matter their background—have equal justice under the law.”

The Police Statistics and Transparency (Police-STAT) Act would require the state to capture and report the total number of arrests and tickets for violations and misdemeanors, as well

as the race, ethnicity, and sex of those who have been charged. [S1830A](#) would also require the state to disclose the total number of people who die in an interaction with police or in police custody each year, and the location of enforcement activity and arrest-related deaths.

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