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Introduced by Sens. FUSCHILLO, DeFRANCISCO, HANNON, LARKIN, MAZIARZ, RANZENHOFER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the penal law and the executive law, in relation to endangering the welfare of a child

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 260.10 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 447 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

S 260.10 Endangering the welfare of a child IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

A person is guilty of endangering the welfare of a child IN THE SECOND DEGREE when:

1. He or she knowingly acts in a manner likely to be injurious to the physical, mental or moral welfare of a child less than seventeen years old or directs or authorizes such child to engage in an occupation involving a substantial risk of danger to his or her life or health; or

2. Being a parent, guardian or other person legally charged with the care or custody of a child less than eighteen years old, he or she fails or refuses to exercise reasonable diligence in the control of such child to prevent him or her from becoming an "abused child," a "neglected child," a "juvenile delinquent" or a "person in need of supervision," as those terms are defined in articles ten, three and seven of the family court act.

3. A person is not guilty of the provisions of this section when he or she engages in the conduct described in subdivision one of section 260.00 of this article: (a) with the intent to wholly abandon the child by relinquishing responsibility for and right to the care and custody of such child; (b) with the intent that the child be safe from physical

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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injury and cared for in an appropriate manner; (c) the child is left with an appropriate person, or in a suitable location and the person who leaves the child promptly notifies an appropriate person of the child's location; and (d) the child is not more than thirty days old.

Endangering the welfare of a child IN THE SECOND DEGREE is a class A misdemeanor.

S 2. Section 260.11 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 89 of the laws of 1984, is renumbered section 260.12 and amended to read as follows:

S 260.12 Endangering the welfare of a child; corroboration.

A person shall not be convicted of endangering the welfare of a child IN THE FIRST OR SECOND DEGREE, or of an attempt to commit the same, upon the testimony of a victim who is incapable of consent because of mental defect or mental incapacity as to conduct that constitutes an offense or an attempt to commit an offense referred to in section 130.16, without additional evidence sufficient pursuant to section 130.16 to sustain a conviction of an offense referred to in section 130.16, or of an attempt to commit the same.

S 3. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 260.11 to read as follows:

S 260.11 ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A CHILD IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

A PERSON IS GUILTY OF ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A CHILD IN THE FIRST DEGREE WHEN, HAVING BEEN PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED OF A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION OR OF SECTION 260.10 OF THIS ARTICLE, HE OR SHE COMMITS THE CRIME OF ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A CHILD IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

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S 4. Section 260.15 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 447 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

S 260.15 Endangering the welfare of a child; defense.

In any prosecution for endangering the welfare of a child, pursuant to section 260.10 OR 260.11 of this article, based upon an alleged failure or refusal to provide proper medical care or treatment to an ill child, it is an affirmative defense that the defendant (a) is a parent, guardian or other person legally charged with the care or custody of such child; and (b) is a member or adherent of an organized church or religious group the tenets of which prescribe prayer as the principal treatment for illness; and (c) treated or caused such ill child to be treated in accordance with such tenets.

S 5. Subdivision 7 of section 995 of the executive law, as amended by chapter 2 of the laws of 2006, paragraph (a) as separately amended by chapter 320 of the laws of 2006, paragraph (f) as amended by chapter 405 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

7. "Designated offender" means a person convicted of and sentenced for any one or more of the following provisions of the penal law (a) sections 120.05, 120.10, and 120.11, relating to assault; sections 125.15 through 125.27 relating to homicide; sections 130.25, 130.30, 130.35, 130.40, 130.45, 130.50, 130.65, 130.67 and 130.70, relating to sex offenses; sections 205.10, 205.15, 205.17 and 205.19, relating to escape and other offenses, where the offender has been convicted within the previous five years of one of the other felonies specified in this subdivision; or sections 255.25, 255.26 and 255.27, relating to incest, a violent felony offense as defined in subdivision one of section 70.02 of the penal law, attempted murder in the first degree, as defined in section 110.00 and section 125.27 of the penal law, kidnapping in the first degree, as defined in section 135.25 of the penal law, arson in

the first degree, as defined in section 150.20 of the penal law, burglary in the third degree, as defined in section 140.20 of the penal law, attempted burglary in the third degree, as defined in section 110.00 and section 140.20 of the penal law, a felony defined in article four hundred ninety of the penal law relating to terrorism or any attempt to commit an offense defined in such article relating to terrorism which is a felony; or (b) criminal possession of a controlled substance in the first degree, as defined in section 220.21 of the penal law; criminal possession of a controlled substance in the second degree, as defined in section 220.18 of the penal law; criminal sale of a controlled substance, as defined in article [220] TWO HUNDRED TWENTY of the penal law; or grand larceny in the fourth degree, as defined in subdivision five of section 155.30 of the penal law; or (c) any misdemeanor or felony defined as a sex offense or sexually violent offense pursuant to paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of subdivision two or paragraph (a) of subdivision three of section one hundred sixty-eight-a of the correction law; or (d) any of the following felonies, or an attempt thereof where such attempt is a felony offense:

aggravated assault upon a person less than eleven years old, as defined in section 120.12 of the penal law; menacing in the first degree, as defined in section 120.13 of the penal law; reckless endangerment in the first degree, as defined in section 120.25 of the penal law; stalking in the second degree, as defined in section 120.55 of the penal law; criminally negligent homicide, as defined in section 125.10 of the penal law; vehicular manslaughter in the second degree, as defined in section 125.12 of the penal law; vehicular manslaughter in the first degree, as defined in section 125.13 of the penal law; persistent sexual abuse, as defined in section 130.53 of the penal law; aggravated sexual abuse in the fourth degree, as defined in section 130.65-a of the penal law; female genital mutilation, as defined in section 130.85 of the penal law; facilitating a sex offense with a controlled substance, as defined in section 130.90 of the penal law; unlawful imprisonment in the first degree, as defined in section 135.10 of the penal law; custodial interference in the first degree, as defined in section 135.50 of the penal law; criminal trespass in the first degree, as defined in section 140.17 of the penal law; criminal tampering in the first degree, as defined in section 145.20 of the penal law; tampering with a consumer product in the first degree, as defined in section 145.45 of the penal law; robbery in the third degree as defined in section 160.05 of the penal law; identity theft in the second degree, as defined in section 190.79 of the penal law; identity theft in the first degree, as defined in section 190.80 of the penal law; promoting prison contraband in the first degree, as defined in section 205.25 of the penal law; tampering with a witness in the third degree, as defined in section 215.11 of the penal law; tampering with a witness in the second degree, as defined in section 215.12 of the penal law; tampering with a witness in the first degree, as defined in section 215.13 of the penal law; criminal contempt in the first degree, as defined in subdivisions (b), (c) and (d) of section 215.51 of the penal law; aggravated criminal contempt, as defined in section 215.52 of the penal law; bail jumping in the second degree, as defined in section 215.56 of the penal law; bail jumping in the first degree, as defined in section 215.57 of the penal law; patronizing a prostitute in the second degree, as defined in section 230.05 of the penal law; patronizing a prostitute in the first degree, as defined in section 230.06 of the penal law; promoting prostitution in the second degree, as defined in section 230.30 of the

penal law; promoting prostitution in the first degree, as defined in section 230.32 of the penal law; compelling prostitution, as defined in section 230.33 of the penal law; disseminating indecent materials to minors in the second degree, as defined in section 235.21 of the penal law; disseminating indecent materials to minors in the first degree, as defined in section 235.22 of the penal law; riot in the first degree, as defined in section 240.06 of the penal law; criminal anarchy, as defined in section 240.15 of the penal law; aggravated harassment of an employee by an inmate, as defined in section 240.32 of the penal law; unlawful surveillance in the second degree, as defined in section 250.45 of the penal law; unlawful surveillance in the first degree, as defined in section 250.50 of the penal law; endangering the welfare of a vulnerable elderly person, OR AN INCOMPETENT OR PHYSICALLY DISABLED PERSON in the second degree, as defined in section 260.32 of the penal law; endangering the welfare of a vulnerable elderly person, OR AN INCOMPETENT OR PHYSICALLY DISABLED PERSON in the first degree, as defined in section 260.34 of the penal law; use of a child in a sexual performance, as defined in section 263.05 of the penal law; promoting an obscene sexual performance by a child, as defined in section 263.10 of the penal law; possessing an obscene sexual performance by a child, as defined in section 263.11 of the penal law; promoting a sexual performance by a child, as defined in section 263.15 of the penal law; possessing a sexual performance by a child, as defined in section 263.16 of the penal law; criminal possession of a weapon in the third degree, as defined in section 265.02 of the penal law; criminal sale of a firearm in the third degree, as defined in section 265.11 of the penal law; criminal sale of a firearm to a minor, as defined in section 265.16 of the penal law; unlawful wearing of a body vest, as defined in section 270.20 of the penal law; hate crimes as defined in section 485.05 of the penal law; and crime of terrorism, as defined in section 490.25 of the penal law; or (e) a felony defined in the penal law or an attempt thereof where such attempt is a felony; or (f) any of the following misdemeanors: assault in the third degree as defined in section 120.00 of the penal law; attempted aggravated assault upon a person less than eleven years old, as defined in section 110.00 and section 120.12 of the penal law; attempted menacing in the first degree, as defined in section 110.00 and section 120.13 of the penal law; menacing in the second degree as defined in section 120.14 of the penal law; menacing in the third degree as defined in section 120.15 of the penal law; reckless endangerment in the second degree as defined in section 120.20 of the penal law; stalking in the fourth degree as defined in section 120.45 of the penal law; stalking in the third degree as defined in section 120.50 of the penal law; attempted stalking in the second degree, as defined in section 110.00 and section 120.55 of the penal law; criminal obstruction of breathing or blood circulation as defined in section 121.11 of the penal law; forcible touching as defined in section 130.52 of the penal law regardless of the age of the victim; sexual abuse in the third degree as defined in section 130.55 of the penal law regardless of the age of the victim; unlawful imprisonment in the second degree as defined in section 135.05 of the penal law regardless of the age of the victim; attempted unlawful imprisonment in the first degree, as defined in section 110.00 and section 135.10 of the penal law regardless of the age of the victim; criminal trespass in the second degree as defined in section 140.15 of the penal law; possession of burglar's tools as defined in section 140.35 of the penal law; petit larceny as defined in section 155.25 of the penal law; endangering the welfare of a child IN THE SECOND DEGREE

as defined in section 260.10 of the penal law; ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A CHILD IN THE FIRST DEGREE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 260.11 OF THE PENAL LAW; endangering the welfare of an incompetent or physically disabled person as defined in section 260.25 of the penal law.

S 6. Paragraph c of subdivision 5 of section 120.40 of the penal law, as added by chapter 635 of the laws of 1999, is amended to read as follows:

c. assault in the third degree, as defined in section 120.00; menacing in the first degree, as defined in section 120.13; menacing in the second degree, as defined in section 120.14; coercion in the first degree, as defined in section 135.65; coercion in the second degree, as defined in section 135.60; aggravated harassment in the second degree, as defined in section 240.30; harassment in the first degree, as defined in section 240.25; menacing in the third degree, as defined in section 120.15; criminal mischief in the third degree, as defined in section 145.05; criminal mischief in the second degree, as defined in section 145.10, criminal mischief in the first degree, as defined in section 145.12; criminal tampering in the first degree, as defined in section 145.20; arson in the fourth degree, as defined in section 150.05; arson in the third degree, as defined in section 150.10; criminal contempt in the first degree, as defined in section 215.51; endangering the welfare of a child IN THE SECOND DEGREE, as defined in section 260.10; ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A CHILD IN THE FIRST DEGREE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 260.11; or

S 7. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.