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I N S E N A T E

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Introduced by Sen. NOZZOLIO -- (at request of the Governor) -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the penal law and the executive law, in relation to aggravated harassment in the second degree

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

1 Section 1. Section 240.30 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 510  
2 of the laws of 2008, subdivision 4 as added and subdivisions 5 and 6 as  
3 renumbered by section 4 of part D of chapter 491 of the laws of 2012, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 S 240.30 Aggravated harassment in the second degree.

6 A person is guilty of aggravated harassment in the second degree  
7 when[, with intent to harass, annoy, threaten or alarm another person,  
8 he or she]:

9 1. [Either] WITH INTENT TO HARASS ANOTHER PERSON, THE ACTOR EITHER:

10 (a) communicates [with a person], anonymously or otherwise, by tele-  
11 phone, by [telegraph,] COMPUTER or ANY OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS, OR by  
12 mail, or by transmitting or delivering any other form of [written]  
13 communication, [in a manner likely to cause annoyance or alarm] A THREAT  
14 TO CAUSE PHYSICAL HARM TO, OR UNLAWFUL HARM TO THE PROPERTY OF, SUCH  
15 PERSON, OR A MEMBER OF SUCH PERSON'S SAME FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD AS DEFINED  
16 IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION 530.11 OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE LAW, AND  
17 THE ACTOR KNOWS OR REASONABLY SHOULD KNOW THAT SUCH COMMUNICATION WILL  
18 CAUSE SUCH PERSON TO REASONABLY FEAR HARM TO SUCH PERSON'S PHYSICAL  
19 SAFETY OR PROPERTY, OR TO THE PHYSICAL SAFETY OR PROPERTY OF A MEMBER OF  
20 SUCH PERSON'S SAME FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD; or

21 (b) causes a communication to be initiated [by mechanical or electron-  
22 ic means or otherwise with a person,] anonymously or otherwise, by tele-  
23 phone, by [telegraph,] COMPUTER or ANY OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS, OR by  
24 mail, or by transmitting or delivering any other form of [written]  
25 communication, [in a manner likely to cause annoyance or alarm] A THREAT  
26 TO CAUSE PHYSICAL HARM TO, OR UNLAWFUL HARM TO THE PROPERTY OF, SUCH  
27 PERSON, A MEMBER OF SUCH PERSON'S SAME FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD AS DEFINED IN

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

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1 SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION 530.11 OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE LAW, AND THE  
2 ACTOR KNOWS OR REASONABLY SHOULD KNOW THAT SUCH COMMUNICATION WILL CAUSE  
3 SUCH PERSON TO REASONABLY FEAR HARM TO SUCH PERSON'S PHYSICAL SAFETY OR  
4 PROPERTY, OR TO THE PHYSICAL SAFETY OR PROPERTY OF A MEMBER OF SUCH  
5 PERSON'S SAME FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD; or

6 2. [Makes] WITH INTENT TO HARASS OR THREATEN ANOTHER PERSON, HE OR SHE  
7 MAKES a telephone call, whether or not a conversation ensues, with no  
8 purpose of legitimate communication; or

9 3. [Strikes] WITH THE INTENT TO HARASS, ANNOY, THREATEN OR ALARM  
10 ANOTHER PERSON, HE OR SHE STRIKES, shoves, kicks, or otherwise subjects  
11 another person to physical contact, or attempts or threatens to do the  
12 same because of a belief or perception regarding such person's race,  
13 color, national origin, ancestry, gender, religion, religious practice,  
14 age, disability or sexual orientation, regardless of whether the belief  
15 or perception is correct; or

16 4. [Strikes] WITH THE INTENT TO HARASS, ANNOY, THREATEN OR ALARM  
17 ANOTHER PERSON, HE OR SHE STRIKES, shoves, kicks or otherwise subjects  
18 another person to physical contact thereby causing physical injury to  
19 such person or to a family or household member of such person as defined  
20 in section 530.11 of the criminal procedure law[.]; OR

21 5. [Commits] HE OR SHE COMMITS the crime of harassment in the first  
22 degree and has previously been convicted of the crime of harassment in  
23 the first degree as defined by section 240.25 of this article within the  
24 preceding ten years.

25 [6. For the purposes of subdivision one of this section, "form of  
26 written communication" shall include, but not be limited to, a recording  
27 as defined in subdivision six of section 275.00 of this part.]

28 Aggravated harassment in the second degree is a class A misdemeanor.

29 S 2. Subdivision 12 of section 631 of the executive law, as amended by  
30 chapter 534 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

31 12. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions one, two and three  
32 of this section, an individual who was a victim of either the crime of  
33 menacing in the second degree as defined in subdivision two or three of  
34 section 120.14 of the penal law, menacing in the first degree as defined  
35 in section 120.13 of the penal law, criminal obstruction of breathing or  
36 blood circulation as defined in section 121.11 of the penal law, harass-  
37 ment in the second degree as defined in subdivision two or three of  
38 section 240.26 of the penal law, harassment in the first degree as  
39 defined in section 240.25 of the penal law, aggravated harassment in the  
40 second degree as defined in subdivision [four] FIVE of section 240.30 of  
41 the penal law, aggravated harassment in the first degree as defined in  
42 subdivision two of section 240.31 of the penal law, criminal contempt in  
43 the first degree as defined in paragraph (ii) or (iv) of subdivision (b)  
44 or subdivision (c) of section 215.51 of the penal law, or stalking in  
45 the fourth, third, second or first degree as defined in sections 120.45,  
46 120.50, 120.55 and 120.60 of the penal law, respectively, who has not  
47 been physically injured as a direct result of such crime shall only be  
48 eligible for an award that includes loss of earning or support, the  
49 unreimbursed cost of repair or replacement of essential personal proper-  
50 ty that has been lost, damaged or destroyed as a direct result of such  
51 crime, the unreimbursed cost for security devices to enhance the  
52 personal protection of such victim, transportation expenses incurred for  
53 necessary court expenses in connection with the prosecution of such  
54 crime, the unreimbursed costs of counseling provided to such victim on  
55 account of mental or emotional stress resulting from the incident in

1 which the crime occurred, reasonable relocation expenses, and for occu-  
2 pational or job training.  
3 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.