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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. CHANDLER-WATERMAN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to prohibiting injecting a person with any substance, including, but not limited to, ketamine, by emergency medical personnel, law enforcement or any entity without the specific consent of the person or their guardian who is authorized to make medical decisions on their behalf except as a life saving measure

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 220.47 to read as follows:

§ 220.47 Criminal injection of a medical substance without consent.

A person is guilty of criminal injection of a medical substance without consent when:

1. such person is a peace officer, police officer, firefighter or emergency medical services professional, or other person acting at the direction of a peace officer, police officer, firefighter or emergency medical services professional;

2. such person lawfully possesses a drug, including, but not limited to ketamine, or any other medical substance; and

3. except as a life saving measure, such person intentionally injects by means of a hypodermic syringe or hypodermic needle all or any portion of that drug or other medical substance into the body of another person without the specific consent of the person being injected or, in the case of a minor, of the person's parent or guardian who is authorized to make medical decisions on the person's behalf.

Criminal injection of a medical substance without consent is a class E felony.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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