

STATE OF NEW YORK

8942

IN SENATE

January 20, 2026

Introduced by Sen. MARTINEZ -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to assaults against water authority employees

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 120.05 of the penal law, as
2 amended by chapter 267 of the laws of 2016, is amended and a new subdivi-
3 sion 11-d is added to read as follows:
4 3. With intent to prevent a peace officer, a police officer, prosecu-
5 tor as defined in subdivision thirty-one of section 1.20 of the criminal
6 procedure law, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, public health
7 sanitarian, New York city public health sanitarian, sanitation enforce-
8 ment agent, New York city sanitation worker, a firefighter, including a
9 firefighter acting as a paramedic or emergency medical technician admin-
10 istering first aid in the course of performance of duty as such fire-
11 fighter, an emergency medical service paramedic or emergency medical
12 service technician, or medical or related personnel in a hospital emer-
13 gency department, a city marshal, a school crossing guard appointed
14 pursuant to section two hundred eight-a of the general municipal law, a
15 traffic enforcement officer, traffic enforcement agent [~~or~~], employee of
16 any entity governed by the public service law, or employee of a public
17 benefit corporation governed by article five of the public authorities
18 law which supplies water to the residents of the state in the course of
19 performing an essential service, from performing a lawful duty, by means
20 including releasing or failing to control an animal under circumstances
21 evincing the actor's intent that the animal obstruct the lawful activity
22 of such peace officer, police officer, prosecutor as defined in subdivi-
23 sion thirty-one of section 1.20 of the criminal procedure law, regis-
24 tered nurse, licensed practical nurse, public health sanitarian, New
25 York city public health sanitarian, sanitation enforcement agent, New
26 York city sanitation worker, firefighter, paramedic, technician, city
27 marshal, school crossing guard appointed pursuant to section two hundred
28 eight-a of the general municipal law, traffic enforcement officer, traf-

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

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1 fic enforcement agent [~~or~~], employee of an entity governed by the public
2 service law, [~~he or she~~] or employee of a public benefit corporation
3 governed by article five of the public authorities law which supplies
4 water to the residents of the state, such person causes physical injury
5 to such peace officer, police officer, prosecutor as defined in subdivi-
6 sion thirty-one of section 1.20 of the criminal procedure law, regis-
7 tered nurse, licensed practical nurse, public health sanitarian, New
8 York city public health sanitarian, sanitation enforcement agent, New
9 York city sanitation worker, firefighter, paramedic, technician or
10 medical or related personnel in a hospital emergency department, city
11 marshal, school crossing guard, traffic enforcement officer, traffic
12 enforcement agent [~~or~~], employee of an entity governed by the public
13 service law, or employee of a public benefit corporation governed by
14 article five of the public authorities law which supplies water to the
15 residents of the state; or
16 11-d. With intent to cause physical injury to an employee of a public
17 benefit corporation governed by article five of the public authorities
18 law performing such employee's lawful duties supplying water to the
19 residents of the state, such person causes physical injury to such
20 employee; or
21 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.