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Introduced by Sen. ROLISON -- 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 penalties for promotion of a suicide attempt

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

1 Section 1. Section 120.30 of the penal law is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 § 120.30 Promoting a suicide attempt.

4 A person is guilty of promoting a suicide attempt when [~~he~~]:

5 (a) such person intentionally causes or aids another person to attempt
6 suicide; or

7 (b) such person endangers the welfare of an incompetent, a vulnerable
8 elderly person or a physically disabled person as set forth in section
9 260.25, 260.32 or 260.34 of this chapter and such conduct significantly
10 contributed to the victim's suicide attempt.

11 Promoting a suicide attempt is a class E felony.

12 § 2. Section 125.15 of the penal law is amended to read as follows:

13 § 125.15 Manslaughter in the second degree.

14 A person is guilty of manslaughter in the second degree when:

15 1. [~~He~~] Such person recklessly causes the death of another person; or

16 [~~3. He~~] 2. Such person intentionally causes or aids another person to
17 commit suicide;

18 3. Such person endangers the welfare of an incompetent, a vulnerable
19 elderly person, or a physically disabled person as set forth in section
20 260.25, 260.32 or 260.34 of this chapter and such conduct significantly
21 contributed to the victim's suicide.

22 Manslaughter in the second degree is a class C felony.

23 § 3. 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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