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Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Meng) --  
read once and referred to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to the crime of persistent  
criminal contempt

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

1     Section 1. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 60.15 to  
2 read as follows:

3     S 60.15 AUTHORIZED DISPOSITIONS; PERSISTENT CRIMINAL CONTEMPT.

4     1. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, WHEN A PERSON IS  
5 SENTENCED UPON A CONVICTION OF, OR UPON A YOUTHFUL OFFENDER ADJUDICATION  
6 FOR, THE CRIME OF PERSISTENT CRIMINAL CONTEMPT AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
7 215.47 OF THIS CHAPTER, THE COURT SHALL SENTENCE THE DEFENDANT TO  
8 EITHER:

9     (A) A DEFINITE SENTENCE OF IMPRISONMENT, THE TERM OF WHICH SHALL BE AT  
10 LEAST SIXTY DAYS AND SHALL NOT EXCEED ONE YEAR; OR

11     (B) A SENTENCE OF PROBATION AND IMPRISONMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
12 PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (D) OF SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION 60.01 OF THIS  
13 ARTICLE APPLICABLE TO MISDEMEANOR CONVICTIONS; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT  
14 THE TERM OF IMPRISONMENT IMPOSED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE  
15 SIXTY DAYS. THE COURT SHALL REQUIRE, AS A CONDITION OF ANY SENTENCE OF  
16 PROBATION IMPOSED PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH, THAT THE DEFENDANT SUBMIT  
17 TO ELECTRONIC MONITORING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVI-  
18 SION FOUR OF SECTION 65.10 OF THIS TITLE.

19     2. THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF SECTION 60.27 OF THIS ARTICLE RELATING  
20 TO RESTITUTION AND REPARATION, AND THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF SECTION  
21 60.35 OF THIS ARTICLE RELATING TO THE IMPOSITION OF A MANDATORY  
22 SURCHARGE, CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE FEE AND OTHER APPLICABLE FEES OR  
23 SURCHARGES, SHALL ALSO APPLY TO ANY SENTENCE IMPOSED PURSUANT TO THIS  
24 SECTION.

25     S 2. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 215.47 to read  
26 as follows:

27     S 215.47 PERSISTENT CRIMINAL CONTEMPT.

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

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1 A PERSON IS GUILTY OF PERSISTENT CRIMINAL CONTEMPT WHEN HE OR SHE  
2 COMMITS THE CRIME OF CRIMINAL CONTEMPT IN THE SECOND DEGREE AS DEFINED  
3 IN SUBDIVISION THREE OF SECTION 215.50 OF THIS ARTICLE BY VIOLATING THAT  
4 PART OF A DULY SERVED ORDER OF PROTECTION, OR SUCH ORDER OF WHICH THE  
5 DEFENDANT HAS ACTUAL KNOWLEDGE BECAUSE HE OR SHE WAS PRESENT IN COURT  
6 WHEN SUCH ORDER WAS ISSUED, UNDER SECTIONS TWO HUNDRED FORTY AND TWO  
7 HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO OF THE DOMESTIC RELATIONS LAW, ARTICLES FOUR, FIVE,  
8 SIX AND EIGHT OF THE FAMILY COURT ACT OR SECTION 530.12 OR 530.13 OF THE  
9 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE LAW, OR AN ORDER OF PROTECTION ISSUED BY A COURT OF  
10 COMPETENT JURISDICTION IN ANOTHER STATE, TERRITORIAL OR TRIBAL JURISDIC-  
11 TION AND WHERE THE DEFENDANT HAS EITHER:

12 (A) PREVIOUSLY BEEN CONVICTED OF THE CRIME OF: (I) AGGRAVATED CRIMINAL  
13 CONTEMPT AS DEFINED IN SECTION 215.52 OF THIS ARTICLE, (II) CRIMINAL  
14 CONTEMPT IN THE FIRST DEGREE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 215.51 OF THIS ARTI-  
15 CLE, (III) CRIMINAL CONTEMPT IN THE SECOND DEGREE AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVI-  
16 SION THREE OF SECTION 215.50 OF THIS ARTICLE FOR VIOLATING THAT PART OF  
17 A DULY SERVED ORDER OF PROTECTION, OR SUCH ORDER OF WHICH THE DEFENDANT  
18 HAD ACTUAL KNOWLEDGE BECAUSE HE OR SHE WAS PRESENT IN COURT WHEN SUCH  
19 ORDER WAS ISSUED, UNDER SECTIONS TWO HUNDRED FORTY AND TWO HUNDRED  
20 FIFTY-TWO OF THE DOMESTIC RELATIONS LAW, ARTICLES FOUR, FIVE, SIX AND  
21 EIGHT OF THE FAMILY COURT ACT OR SECTION 530.12 OR 530.13 OF THE CRIMI-  
22 NAL PROCEDURE LAW, OR AN ORDER OF PROTECTION ISSUED BY A COURT OF COMPE-  
23 TENT JURISDICTION IN ANOTHER STATE, TERRITORIAL OR TRIBAL JURISDICTION,  
24 OR (IV) PERSISTENT CRIMINAL CONTEMPT AS DEFINED BY THIS SECTION; OR

25 (B) PREVIOUSLY BEEN FOUND BY ANY COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION TO  
26 HAVE WILLFULLY OR INTENTIONALLY VIOLATED AN ORDER OF PROTECTION OR  
27 TEMPORARY ORDER OF PROTECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPLICABLE  
28 PROVISIONS OF THE JUDICIARY LAW, DOMESTIC RELATIONS LAW OR FAMILY COURT  
29 ACT.

30 PERSISTENT CRIMINAL CONTEMPT IS A CLASS A MISDEMEANOR.

31 S 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of November next  
32 succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.