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Introduced by M. of A. GANTT -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. PAULIN --
read once and referred to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to criminal impersonation of
a certified first responder, an emergency medical technician, an
advanced emergency medical technician, or a firefighter

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

1 Section 1. Section 190.25 of the penal law is amended by adding a new
2 subdivision 5 to read as follows:
3 5. PRETENDS TO BE A POLICE OFFICER, CERTIFIED FIRST RESPONDER, EMER-
4 GENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN, ADVANCED EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN, OR
5 FIREFIGHTER WITHOUT ANY ACTUAL OR IMPLIED AUTHORITY TO DO SO.
6 S 2. Subdivision 1 of section 190.26 of the penal law, as amended by
7 chapter 434 of the laws of 2008, is amended to read as follows:
8 1. Pretends to be a police officer [or a], federal law enforcement
9 officer as enumerated in section 2.15 of the criminal procedure law,
10 CERTIFIED FIRST RESPONDER, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN, ADVANCED EMER-
11 GENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN OR FIREFIGHTER, or wears or displays without
12 authority, any uniform, badge or other insignia or facsimile thereof, by
13 which such police officer [or], federal law enforcement officer, CERTI-
14 FIED FIRST RESPONDER, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN, ADVANCED EMERGENCY
15 MEDICAL TECHNICIAN OR FIREFIGHTER is lawfully distinguished; or
16 expresses by his or her words or actions that he or she is acting with
17 the approval or authority of any police department or acting as a feder-
18 al law enforcement officer with the approval of any agency that employs
19 federal law enforcement officers as enumerated in section 2.15 of the
20 criminal procedure law; and
21 S 3. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeed-
22 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.

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

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