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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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