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Introduced by M. of A. PERALTA, ESPAILLAT -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. HOOPER, ROBINSON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to use of physical force by a parent, guardian, teacher or other caregiver

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 35.10 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 930 of the laws of 1974, is amended to read as follows:

1. A parent, guardian or other person entrusted with the care and supervision of a person under the age of twenty-one or an incompetent person, and a teacher or other person entrusted with the care and supervision of a person under the age of twenty-one for a special purpose, may use physical force, EXCEPT IF SUCH PHYSICAL FORCE LEADS TO SIGNIFICANT PHYSICAL OR EMOTIONAL HARM CONSTITUTING AN OFFENSE UPON SUCH PERSON, but not deadly physical force, upon such person when and to the extent that he reasonably believes it necessary to maintain discipline or to promote the welfare of such person.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeeding 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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