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AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to establishing crimes relating to gang violence and the abatement of premises used for gang activity

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 article 280 to 2 read as follows:

ARTICLE 280

OFFENSES RELATING TO GANG VIOLENCE

SECTION 280.00 DEFINITIONS.

- 280.05 GANG SOLICITATION, RECRUITMENT OR RETENTION.
- 280.10 GANG SOLICITATION, RECRUITMENT OR RETENTION OF MINORS.
- 280.15 COERCION OF A MINOR INTO CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY.
- 9 280.20 GANG LEADERSHIP.
- 10 280.25 ABATEMENT OF PREMISES USED FOR GANG ACTIVITY.
 - 280.30 PREEMPTION.
- 12 S 280.00 DEFINITIONS.

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- THE FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS ARE APPLICABLE TO THIS ARTICLE:
- 14 1. "CRIMINAL STREET GANG" OR "GANG" MEANS A FORMAL OR INFORMAL GROUP, 15 CLUB, ORGANIZATION, OR ASSOCIATION OF THREE OR MORE INDIVIDUALS WHO ACT, 16 OR AGREE TO ACT, IN CONCERT TO COMMIT GANG CRIMES.
- 17 "GANG CRIME" MEANS AN OFFENSE DEFINED BY ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER: SECTION 125.15 (MANSLAUGHTER IN THE 18 DEGREE); SECTION 125.20 (MANSLAUGHTER IN THE FIRST DEGREE); SECTION 19 20 125.25 (MURDER IN THE SECOND DEGREE); SECTION 125.27 (MURDER IN 21 DEGREE); ANY OFFENSE DEFINED IN ARTICLE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY (SEX OFFENSES); ANY OFFENSE DEFINED IN ARTICLE ONE HUNDRED 22 THIRTY-FIVE 23 (KIDNAPPING, COERCION AND RELATED OFFENSES); ANY OFFENSE DEFINED IN

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

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11 S 280.05 GANG SOLICITATION, RECRUITMENT OR RETENTION.

A PERSON IS GUILTY OF GANG SOLICITATION, RECRUITMENT OR RETENTION WHEN HE OR SHE:

- 1. INTENTIONALLY SOLICITS, RECRUITS, EMPLOYS, CAUSES, ENCOURAGES, OR CONSPIRES TO CAUSE ANOTHER PERSON TO BE OR REMAIN AS A MEMBER OF A CRIMINAL STREET GANG THAT REQUIRES AS A CONDITION OF MEMBERSHIP OR CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP THE COMMISSION OF OR PARTICIPATION IN GANG CRIMES; OR
- 2. INTENTIONALLY MAKES ANY COMMUNICATION, DIRECT OR INDIRECT, CONSTITUTING A THREAT TO PERSON OR PROPERTY OR TO ANY ASSOCIATE OR RELATIVE OF THE PERSON BEING SOLICITED, RECRUITED OR RETAINED AS A MEMBER OF A CRIMINAL STREET GANG THAT REQUIRES AS A CONDITION OF MEMBERSHIP OR CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP THE COMMISSION OF OR PARTICIPATION IN GANG CRIMES.

GANG SOLICITATION, RECRUITMENT OR RETENTION IS A CLASS E FELONY.

- S 280.10 GANG SOLICITATION, RECRUITMENT OR RETENTION OF MINORS.
- A PERSON IS GUILTY OF GANG SOLICITATION, RECRUITMENT OR RETENTION OF MINORS WHEN HE OR SHE:
- 1. INTENTIONALLY SOLICITS, RECRUITS, EMPLOYS, CAUSES, ENCOURAGES, OR CONSPIRES TO CAUSE ANOTHER PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE TO BE OR REMAIN AS A MEMBER OF A CRIMINAL STREET GANG THAT REQUIRES AS A CONDITION OF MEMBERSHIP OR CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP THE COMMISSION OF OR PARTICIPATION IN GANG CRIMES; OR
- 2. INTENTIONALLY MAKES ANY COMMUNICATION, DIRECT OR INDIRECT, CONSTITUTING A THREAT TO A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, TO PROPERTY, OR TO ANY ASSOCIATE OR RELATIVE OF THE MINOR BEING SOLICITED, RECRUITED OR RETAINED AS A MEMBER OF A CRIMINAL STREET GANG THAT REQUIRES AS A CONDITION OF MEMBERSHIP OR CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP THE COMMISSION OF OR PARTICIPATION IN GANG CRIMES.

GANG SOLICITATION, RECRUITMENT OR RETENTION OF MINORS IS A CLASS D FELONY.

S 280.15 COERCION OF A MINOR INTO CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY.

A PERSON IS GUILTY OF COERCION OF A MINOR INTO CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY WHEN, WITH THE INTENT TO CAUSE PHYSICAL INJURY TO A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, HE OR SHE CAUSES SUCH PHYSICAL INJURY TO A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CAUSING OR COERCING SUCH MINOR TO JOIN OR PARTICIPATE IN A CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY TO BENEFIT A CRIMINAL STREET GANG OR OTHER ORGANIZATION OF THREE OR MORE PERSONS WHICH HAS A COMMON NAME, IDENTIFYING SIGN OR SYMBOL AND WHOSE MEMBERS INDIVIDUALLY OR COLLECTIVELY ENGAGE IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITY.

COERCION OF A MINOR INTO CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY IS A CLASS D FELONY.

S 280.20 GANG LEADERSHIP.

A PERSON IS GUILTY OF GANG LEADERSHIP WHEN, AS A MEMBER OF A CRIMINAL STREET GANG, HE OR SHE COMMANDS, COUNSELS, PERSUADES, INDUCES, ENTICES OR COERCES ANY INDIVIDUAL TO COMMIT A CRIME WHERE THE PURPOSE OF SUCH CRIMINAL CRIME IS THE FURTHERANCE OF THE CRIMINAL OBJECTIVES OF SUCH CRIMINAL STREET GANG.

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- 1 S 280.25 ABATEMENT OF PREMISES USED FOR GANG ACTIVITY.
- 2 1. ANY PLACE OR PREMISES THAT HAS BEEN USED ON MORE THAN TWO OCCA3 SIONS, WITHIN A SIX MONTH PERIOD OF TIME, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING
 4 A PATTERN OF CRIMINAL STREET GANG ACTIVITY, OR ANY REAL PROPERTY THAT IS
 5 ERECTED, ESTABLISHED, MAINTAINED, OWNED, LEASED, OR USED BY ANY CRIMINAL
 6 STREET GANG FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING CRIMINAL STREET GANG ACTIVITY
 7 CONSTITUTES A NUISANCE, THAT SHALL BE ENJOINED, ABATED, AND PREVENTED,
 8 AND FOR WHICH DAMAGES MAY BE RECOVERED, WHETHER IT IS A PUBLIC OR
 9 PRIVATE NUISANCE.
 - 2. ANY ACTION FOR AN INJUNCTION OR ABATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO SUBDI-VISION ONE OF THIS SECTION SHALL PROCEED ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE CIVIL PRACTICE LAW AND RULES, EXCEPT THAT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY:
- 14 (A) THE COURT SHALL NOT ASSESS A CIVIL PENALTY AGAINST ANY PERSON 15 UNLESS THAT PERSON KNEW OR SHOULD HAVE KNOWN OF THE UNLAWFUL ACTS 16 COMMITTED ON OR IN THE PREMISES;
 - (B) NO ORDER OF EVICTION OR CLOSURE MAY BE ENTERED;
 - (C) ALL INJUNCTIONS ISSUED SHALL BE LIMITED TO THOSE NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE RESIDENTS OR THE PUBLIC OR THOSE NECESSARY TO PREVENT FURTHER CRIMINAL ACTIVITY; AND
 - (D) SUIT MAY NOT BE FILED UNTIL A THIRTY-DAY NOTICE PERIOD OF THE UNLAWFUL USE OR CRIMINAL CONDUCT HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO THE OWNER BY MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, POSTAGE PREPAID, TO THE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS.
 - 3. NO NOT-FOR-PROFIT OR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION WHICH IS CONDUCTING ITS AFFAIRS WITH ORDINARY CARE AND SKILL, AND NO GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY, SHALL BE ABATED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISIONS ONE AND TWO OF THIS SECTION.
- 4. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL PRECLUDE ANY AGGRIEVED PERSON FROM SEEKING ANY OTHER REMEDY PROVIDED BY LAW.
 30 S 280.30 PREEMPTION.
 - NOTHING IN THIS ARTICLE SHALL PREEMPT AN APPROPRIATE ALTERNATIVE OR ADDITIONAL CHARGE PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A CHARGE PURSUANT TO SECTION 120.06 (GANG ASSAULT IN THE SECOND DEGREE), OR SECTION 120.07 (GANG ASSAULT IN THE FIRST DEGREE); OR PREVENT A LOCAL GOVERNING BODY FROM ADOPTING AND ENFORCING LAWS CONSISTENT WITH THIS ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL STREET GANG ACTIVITY AND CRIMINAL STREET GANG VIOLENCE. WHERE LOCAL LAWS DUPLICATE OR SUPPLEMENT THIS ACT, THIS ACT SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS PROVIDING ALTERNATIVE REMEDIES AND NOT AS PREEMPTING SUCH LOCAL LAWS.
 - S 2. Severability. If any provision of this act, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the provision of this act, or in its application to the person or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.
- S 3. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.