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Introduced by M. of A. KOLB, TOWNSEND, ERRIGO, REILICH, SALADINO -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. ALFANO, BACALLES, BARCLAY, BARRA, BURLING, CALHOUN, CONTE, CROUCH, FINCH, FITZPATRICK, GIGLIO, JORDAN, McDONOUGH, OAKS, O'MARA, RAIA, TEDISCO, WALKER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to the minimum sentence upon conviction for the class B violent felony offense of criminal use of a firearm in the first degree

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

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 265.09 of the penal law, as added by chapter 650 of the laws of 1996, is amended to read as follows:

(2) Sentencing. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, when a person is convicted of criminal use of a firearm in the first degree as defined in subdivision one of this section, the court shall impose an additional consecutive sentence of five years to the minimum term of [an indeterminate] A sentence imposed on the underlying class B violent felony offense where the person convicted of such crime displays a loaded weapon from which a shot, readily capable of producing death or other serious injury may be discharged, in furtherance of the commission of such crime, provided, however, that such additional sentence shall not be imposed if the court, having regard to the nature and circumstances of the crime and to the history and character of the defendant, finds on the record that such additional consecutive sentence would be unduly harsh and that not imposing such sentence would be consistent with the public safety and would not deprecate the seriousness of the crime. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the aggregate of the five year consecutive term imposed pursuant to this subdivision and the minimum term of the [indeterminate] sentence imposed on the underlying class B violent felony shall constitute the new aggregate minimum term of imprisonment, and a person

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

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subject to such term shall be required to serve the entire aggregate minimum term and shall not be eligible for release on parole or conditional release during such term. This subdivision shall not apply where the defendant's criminal liability for displaying a loaded weapon from which a shot, readily capable of producing death or other serious injury may be discharged, in furtherance of the commission of crime is based on the conduct of another pursuant to section 20.00 of [the penal law] THIS CHAPTER.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.