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IN SENATE

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AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to first degree murder of a child under the age of twelve

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

1 Section 1. Subparagraphs (x) and (xiii) of paragraph (a) of subdivi-2 sion 1 of section 125.27 of the penal law, subparagraph (x) as added by 3 chapter 1 of the laws of 1995 and subparagraph (xiii) as added by chap-4 ter 300 of the laws of 2001, are amended and a new subparagraph (xiv) is 5 added to read as follows:

6 the defendant acted in an especially cruel and wanton manner (\mathbf{x}) 7 pursuant to a course of conduct intended to inflict and inflicting 8 torture upon the victim prior to the victim's death. As used in this subparagraph, "torture" means the intentional and depraved infliction of extreme physical pain; "depraved" means the defendant [relished the 9 10 11 infliction of] INFLICTED extreme physical pain upon the victim evidencing debasement or perversion or that the defendant evidenced a sense of 12 pleasure in the infliction of extreme physical pain; or 13

14 (xiii) the victim was killed in furtherance of an act of terrorism, as 15 defined in paragraph (b) of subdivision one of section 490.05 of this 16 chapter; [and] OR

17 (XIV) THE VICTIM WAS A CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF TWELVE; AND

18 S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeed-19 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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