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AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to the related use of a  
lethal or explosive device

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

1 Section 1. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 265.07 to  
2 read as follows:

3 S 265.07 RELATED USE OF LETHAL OR EXPLOSIVE DEVICE.

4 1. A PERSON IS GUILTY OF RELATED USE OF A LETHAL OR EXPLOSIVE DEVICE  
5 WHEN HE OR SHE COMMITS ANY OFFENSE WHILE IN POSSESSION OF A LETHAL OR  
6 EXPLOSIVE DEVICE.

7 2. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, ANY  
8 PERSON CONVICTED OF RELATED USE OF A LETHAL OR EXPLOSIVE DEVICE SHALL,  
9 IN ADDITION TO THE PUNISHMENT PROVIDED FOR THE RELATED OR UNDERLYING  
10 OFFENSE, BE SENTENCED TO A DETERMINATE TERM OF IMPRISONMENT FOR SEVEN  
11 YEARS, AND THE TERM OF IMPRISONMENT IMPOSED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION  
12 SHALL NOT RUN CONCURRENTLY WITH ANY OTHER TERM OF IMPRISONMENT INCLUDING  
13 THAT IMPOSED FOR THE RELATED OR UNDERLYING CRIME.

14 3. ANY SUCH NON-CONCURRENT TERM REQUIRED TO BE IMPOSED PURSUANT TO  
15 THIS SECTION SHALL, HOWEVER, NOT BE IMPOSED IF:

16 (A) THE DEFENDANT, WITHIN SIXTY DAYS OF THE DATE OF ARRAIGNMENT ON THE  
17 INDICTMENT OR SUPERIOR COURT INFORMATION, WHICH SIXTY DAY PERIOD MAY BE  
18 EXTENDED IN THE DISCRETION OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, SHALL TRUTHFULLY TO  
19 THE SATISFACTION OF THE COURT PROVIDE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY WITH ALL THE  
20 INFORMATION THE DEFENDANT HAS CONCERNING THE SOURCE OR SOURCES OF THE  
21 LETHAL OR EXPLOSIVE DEVICE; AND

22 (B) THE USE OF SUCH LETHAL OR EXPLOSIVE DEVICE HAS NOT RESULTED IN  
23 DEATH OR SERIOUS BODILY INJURY TO ANOTHER PERSON WHO WAS NOT A PARTIC-  
24 IPANT IN THE OFFENSE.

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

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1 4. SO LONG AS THE STATEMENTS MADE BY THE DEFENDANT TO THE DISTRICT  
2 ATTORNEY RELATING TO THE SOURCES OF THE LETHAL OR EXPLOSIVE DEVICE ARE  
3 TRUTHFUL, THEN (A) NO STATEMENT SO MADE SHALL BE USED AS EVIDENCE  
4 AGAINST THE DEFENDANT IN ANY CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS EXCEPT THAT THE  
5 DISTRICT ATTORNEY MAY USE SUCH STATEMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CROSS-EXA-  
6 MINATION, IMPEACHMENT AND REBUTTAL SHOULD THE DEFENDANT EVER OFFER  
7 CONTRARY EVIDENCE, AND (B) THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY MAY USE AS EVIDENCE  
8 AGAINST THE DEFENDANT ANY INDEPENDENT EVIDENCE WHICH MAY BE DERIVED  
9 THROUGH AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE INFORMATION SO PROFFERED BY THE  
10 DEFENDANT. AT ANY HEARING ON THE ISSUE OF WHETHER THE DEFENDANT'S STATE-  
11 MENTS ARE TRUTHFUL, THE PEOPLE SHALL BEAR THE BURDEN OF SHOWING THAT THE  
12 STATEMENTS ARE NOT TRUTHFUL BY PROOF BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT.

13 5. THE TERM "LETHAL DEVICE" SHALL MEAN (A) A MACHINE GUN, (B) A PISTOL  
14 OR REVOLVER, (C) EITHER A SHOTGUN, RIFLE OR ASSAULT WEAPON OF ANY LENGTH  
15 OR ANY OBJECT MADE THEREFROM BY ALTERATION, MODIFICATION OR OTHERWISE,  
16 (D) AN ELECTRONIC DART GUN, AND (E) AN ELECTRONIC STUN GUN. "EXPLOSIVE  
17 DEVICE" SHALL MEAN ANY EXPLOSIVE, INCENDIARY OR POISON GAS (A) BOMB, (B)  
18 GRENADE, (C) ROCKET HAVING A PROPELLANT CHARGE OF MORE THAN FOUR OUNCES,  
19 (D) MISSILE HAVING AN EXPLOSIVE OR INCENDIARY CHARGE OF MORE THAN  
20 ONE-QUARTER OUNCE, (E) MINE OR (F) ANY DEVICE SIMILAR TO ANY OF THE  
21 DEVICES DESCRIBED IN THIS PARAGRAPH. "EXPLOSIVE" SHALL MEAN ANY CHEMICAL  
22 COMPOUND MIXTURE OR DEVICE, THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF WHICH IS TO FUNCTION  
23 BY EXPLOSION.

24 S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeed-  
25 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.