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I N A S S E M B L Y

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Introduced by M. of A. ORTIZ -- read once and referred to the Committee on Economic Development, Job Creation, Commerce and Industry

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to establishing a two dollar surcharge on sexually oriented media; and to amend the state finance law, in relation to establishing the crime victims fund

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

1 Section 1. The general business law is amended by adding a new section
2 399-zz to read as follows:
3 S 399-ZZ. SEXUALLY ORIENTED MEDIA; SURCHARGE. 1. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS
4 SECTION, THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS:
5 A. "NUDE" SHALL MEAN:
6 (I) ENTIRELY UNCLOTHED; OR
7 (II) CLOTHED IN A MANNER THAT LEAVES UNCOVERED OR VISIBLE THROUGH LESS
8 THAN FULLY OPAQUE CLOTHING ANY PORTION OF THE BREASTS BELOW THE TOP OF
9 THE AREOLA OF THE BREASTS, IF THE PERSON IS FEMALE, OR ANY PORTION OF
10 THE GENITALS OR BUTTOCKS; AND
11 B. "SEXUALLY ORIENTED MEDIA" SHALL MEAN A MAGAZINE, VIDEO, DVD OR
12 INTERNET WEBSITE WHOSE DOMAIN NAME IS REGISTERED IN THIS STATE, WHERE
13 THE CONTENT OF SUCH MAGAZINE, VIDEO, DVD OR INTERNET WEBSITE FEATURES
14 NUDE PICTURES OR NUDE PERFORMANCES.
15 2. A SURCHARGE SHALL BE IMPOSED ON ANY SEXUALLY ORIENTED MEDIA AS
16 FOLLOWS:
17 A. FOR EACH MAGAZINE, VIDEO OR DVD PURCHASED IN THIS STATE, TWO
18 DOLLARS FOR EACH MAGAZINE, VIDEO OR DVD PURCHASED; OR
19 B. FOR EACH DOWNLOAD PURCHASED FROM AN INTERNET WEBSITE, TWO DOLLARS
20 FOR EACH DOWNLOAD PURCHASED.
21 3. ANY PERSON, FIRM, CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP OR ANY OTHER BUSINESS
22 ENTITY THAT SELLS SEXUALLY ORIENTED MEDIA SHALL BE LIABLE FOR THE
23 COLLECTION OF THE SURCHARGE IMPOSED BY THIS SECTION. EVERY BUSINESS
24 SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL REMIT THE TOTAL OF FUNDS

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

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1 COLLECTED FROM THE SURCHARGE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION TO THE
2 COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION AND FINANCE FOR DEPOSIT INTO THE CRIME VICTIMS
3 FUND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION EIGHTY-SEVEN OF THE STATE FINANCE
4 LAW.

5 S 2. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 87 to
6 read as follows:

7 S 87. CRIME VICTIMS FUND. 1. THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED IN THE JOINT
8 CUSTODY OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER AND THE COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION AND
9 FINANCE A SPECIAL REVENUE FUND TO BE KNOWN AS THE "CRIME VICTIMS FUND".

10 2. SUCH FUND SHALL CONSIST OF THE REVENUES RECEIVED PURSUANT TO
11 SECTION THREE HUNDRED NINETY-NINE-ZZ OF THE GENERAL BUSINESS LAW, AND
12 ALL OTHER MONIES APPROPRIATED, CREDITED, OR TRANSFERRED THERETO FROM ANY
13 OTHER FUND OR SOURCE PURSUANT TO LAW.

14 3. MONIES OF THE FUND WHEN ALLOCATED, SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE
15 COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES TO FUND PROGRAMS FOR VICTIMS OF
16 CRIME, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, HATE
17 CRIMES, HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND CHILD PROSTITUTION.

18 4. MONEY SHALL BE PAYABLE FROM THE FUND ON THE AUDIT AND WARRANT OF
19 THE STATE COMPTROLLER ON VOUCHERS APPROVED AND CERTIFIED BY THE COMMIS-
20 SIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES.

21 S 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall
22 have become a law.