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AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to eliminating defenses for patronizing a prostitute in the first degree

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

Section 1. Section 230.07 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 74 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as follows:

S 230.07 Patronizing a prostitute; defense.

In any prosecution for patronizing a prostitute in the [first or] second OR THIRD [degrees] DEGREE, it is a defense that the defendant did not have reasonable grounds to believe that the person was less than the age specified.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after 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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