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AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to promoting prostitution, patronizing a prostitute and permitting prostitution; and to amend the correction law, in relation to designating permitting prostitution in the first degree as a sex offense for the purposes of the sex offender registration act

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

Section 1. Paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) of subdivision 1 of section 70.02 of the penal law, paragraph (a) as amended by chapter 320 of the laws of 2006, paragraph (b) as separately amended by chapters 764 and 765 of the laws of 2005 and paragraphs (c) and (d) as amended by chapter 7 of the laws of 2007, are amended to read as follows:

(a) Class B violent felony offenses: an attempt to commit the class A-I felonies of murder in the second degree as defined in section 125.25, kidnapping in the first degree as defined in section 135.25, and arson in the first degree as defined in section 150.20; manslaughter in the first degree as defined in section 125.20, aggravated manslaughter in the first degree as defined in section 125.22, rape in the first degree as defined in section 130.35, criminal sexual act in the first degree as defined in section 130.50, aggravated sexual abuse in the first degree as defined in section 130.70, course of sexual conduct against a child in the first degree as defined in section 130.75[;], PROMOTING PROSTITUTION IN THE FIRST DEGREE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 230.32, assault in the first degree as defined in section 120.10, kidnapping in the second degree as defined in section 135.20, burglary in the first degree as defined in section 140.30, arson in the second degree as defined in section 150.15, robbery in the first degree as defined in

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

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section 160.15, incest in the first degree as defined in section 255.27, criminal possession of a weapon in the first degree as defined in section 265.04, criminal use of a firearm in the first degree as defined in section 265.09, criminal sale of a firearm in the first degree as defined in section 265.13, aggravated assault upon a police officer or a peace officer as defined in section 120.11, gang assault in the first degree as defined in section 120.07, intimidating a victim or witness in the first degree as defined in section 215.17, hindering prosecution of terrorism in the first degree as defined in section 490.35, criminal possession of a chemical weapon or biological weapon in the second degree as defined in section 490.40, and criminal use of a chemical weapon or biological weapon in the third degree as defined in section 490.47.

- (b) Class C violent felony offenses: an attempt to commit any of class B felonies set forth in paragraph (a); aggravated criminally negligent homicide as defined in section 125.11, aggravated manslaughter in the second degree as defined in section 125.21, aggravated sexual abuse in the second degree as defined in section 130.67, PATRONIZING A PROSTITUTE IN THE FIRST DEGREE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 230.06, PROMOTING SECOND DEGREE AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION TWO OF PROSTITUTION IN THE SECTION 230.30, assault on a peace officer, police officer, fireman or emergency medical services professional as defined in section 120.08, gang assault in the second degree as defined in section 120.06, burglary in the second degree as defined in section 140.25, robbery in the second degree as defined in section 160.10, criminal possession of a weapon in second degree as defined in section 265.03, criminal use of a firearm in the second degree as defined in section 265.08, criminal sale of a firearm in the second degree as defined in section 265.12, criminal sale of a firearm with the aid of a minor as defined in section 265.14, soliciting or providing support for an act of terrorism in the first degree as defined in section 490.15, hindering prosecution of terrorism the second degree as defined in section 490.30, and criminal possession of a chemical weapon or biological weapon in the third degree as defined in section 490.37.
- (c) Class D violent felony offenses: an attempt to commit any of the class C felonies set forth in paragraph (b); reckless assault of a child as defined in section 120.02, assault in the second degree as defined in section 120.05, menacing a police officer or peace officer as defined in section 120.18, stalking in the first degree, as defined in subdivision one of section 120.60, rape in the second degree as defined in section 130.30, criminal sexual act in the second degree as defined in section 130.45, sexual abuse in the first degree as defined in section 130.65, course of sexual conduct against a child in the second degree as defined section 130.80, aggravated sexual abuse in the third degree as defined in section 130.66, facilitating a sex offense with a controlled substance as defined in section 130.90, PATRONIZING A PROSTITUTE IN THE SECOND DEGREE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 230.05, PROMOTING PROSTITUTION THE THIRD DEGREE AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION 230.25, criminal possession of a weapon in the third degree as defined in subdivision six, seven or eight of section 265.02, criminal sale of a firearm in the third degree as defined in section 265.11, intimidating a victim or witness in the second degree as defined in section 215.16, soliciting providing support for an act of terrorism in the second degree as defined in section 490.10, and making a terroristic threat as defined in section 490.20, falsely reporting an incident in the first degree as defined in section 240.60, placing a false bomb or hazardous substance

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in the first degree as defined in section 240.62, placing a false bomb or hazardous substance in a sports stadium or arena, mass transportation facility or enclosed shopping mall as defined in section 240.63, and aggravated unpermitted use of indoor pyrotechnics in the first degree as defined in section 405.18.

- Class E violent felony offenses: an attempt to commit any of the felonies of criminal possession of a weapon in the third degree as defined in subdivision five, six, seven or eight of section 265.02 as a lesser included offense of that section as defined in section 220.20 of criminal procedure law, persistent sexual abuse as defined in section 130.53, aggravated sexual abuse in the fourth degree as section 130.65-a, PATRONIZING A PROSTITUTE IN THE THIRD DEGREE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 230.04, falsely reporting an incident in the second as defined in section 240.55 and placing a false bomb or hazardous substance in the second degree as defined in section 240.61.
- S 2. Subdivision 5 of section 60.05 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 738 of the laws of 2004, is amended to read as follows:
- 5. Certain class D felonies. Except as provided in subdivision six of this section, every person convicted of the class D felonies of assault in the second degree as defined in section 120.05 [or attempt to commit a class C felony as defined in section 230.30] of this chapter, must sentenced in accordance with section 70.00 or 85.00 of this title.
- The closing paragraph of section 230.04 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 74 of the laws of 2007, is amended to follows:

Patronizing a prostitute in the third degree is a class [A misdemeanor] E FELONY.

- S 4. The closing paragraph of section 230.05 of the penal added by chapter 627 of the laws of 1978, is amended to read as follows: Patronizing a prostitute in the second degree is a class [E] D felony.
- 5. The closing paragraph of section 230.06 of the penal law, as added by chapter 627 of the laws of 1978, is amended to read as follows: Patronizing a prostitute in the first degree is a class [D] C felony.
- S 6. Section 230.40 of the penal law is amended to read as follows:

S 230.40 Permitting prostitution IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

A person is guilty of permitting prostitution INSECOND DEGREE THEwhen, having possession or control of premises which he OR SHE knows are being used for prostitution purposes, he OR SHE fails to make reasonable effort to halt or abate such use.

Permitting prostitution IN THE SECOND DEGREE is a class [B] A misdemeanor.

- S 7. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 230.45 as follows:
- S 230.45 PERMITTING PROSTITUTION IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

A PERSON IS GUILTY OF PERMITTING PROSTITUTION IN THE FIRST DEGREE WHEN HAVING POSSESSION OR CONTROL OF PREMISES WHICH HE OR SHE KNOWS ARE BEING PROSTITUTION PURPOSES INCLUDING THE PROSTITUTION OF A CHILD LESS THAN SEVENTEEN YEARS OF AGE, HE OR SHE FAILS TO MAKE REASONABLE EFFORT TO HALT OR ABATE SUCH USE.

PERMITTING PROSTITUTION IN THE FIRST DEGREE IS A CLASS E FELONY.

- Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 168-a of the correction law, as amended by chapter 405 of the laws of 2008, is amended to read as follows:
- 54 a conviction of or a conviction for an attempt to commit any [of 55 the provisions] PROVISION of [sections] SECTION 120.70, 130.20, 130.25, 56 130.30, 130.40, 130.45, 130.60, 230.34, 250.50, 255.25, 255.26 [and] OR

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255.27 or article two hundred sixty-three of the penal law, or section 135.05, 135.10, 135.20 or 135.25 of such law relating to kidnapping offenses, provided the victim of such kidnapping or related offense is less than seventeen years old and the offender is not the parent of the victim, or section 230.04, where the person patronized is in fact less than seventeen years of age, 230.05 or 230.06, or subdivision two of section 230.30, section 230.32 [or], 230.33 OR 230.45 of the penal law, or

9 S 9. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeed-10 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.