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AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to creating the crime of committing an offense while impersonating a police officer or peace officer

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

Section 1. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 190.28 to read as follows:

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- S 190.28 COMMITTING AN OFFENSE WHILE IMPERSONATING A POLICE OFFICER OR PEACE OFFICER.
- 1. A PERSON IS GUILTY OF COMMITTING AN OFFENSE WHILE IMPERSONATING A POLICE OFFICER OR PEACE OFFICER WHEN HE OR SHE COMMITS A SPECIFIED OFFENSE AND DURING THE COURSE OF SUCH SPECIFIED OFFENSE EITHER:
- (A) PRETENDS TO BE A POLICE OFFICER OR PEACE OFFICER, OR WEARS OR DISPLAYS WITHOUT AUTHORITY, ANY UNIFORM, BADGE OR OTHER INSIGNIA OR FACSIMILE THEREOF, BY WHICH SUCH POLICE OFFICER OR PEACE OFFICER IS LAWFULLY DISTINGUISHED OR EXPRESSES BY HIS OR HER WORDS OR ACTIONS THAT HE OR SHE IS ACTING WITH THE APPROVAL OR AUTHORITY OF ANY POLICE DEPARTMENT OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY; OR
- (B) WITHOUT AUTHORITY TO DISPLAY ON A MOTOR VEHICLE LIGHTS OR MARKINGS BY WHICH A MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATED BY A POLICE DEPARTMENT OR LAW ENFORCE-MENT AGENCY IS IDENTIFIED, DISPLAYS SUCH LIGHTS OR MARKINGS; OR DISPLAYS UPON A MOTOR VEHICLE A RED LIGHT, WHETHER CONTINUOUS OR FLASHING, VISIBLE FROM THE FRONT OF SUCH VEHICLE.
- 18 19 PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION A "SPECIFIED OFFENSE" IS AN FOR THE 20 OFFENSE DEFINED BY ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER: 21 100.00 (CRIMINAL SOLICITATION INTHE FIFTH DEGREE); SECTION 100.05 (CRIMINAL SOLICITATION IN THE FOURTH DEGREE); 22 SECTION 23 (CRIMINAL SOLICITATION IN THE THIRD DEGREE); SECTION 100.10 (CRIMINAL

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

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SOLICITATION IN THE SECOND DEGREE); SECTION 100.13 (CRIMINAL SOLICITA-IN THE FIRST DEGREE); SECTION 115.00 (CRIMINAL FACILITATION IN THE FOURTH DEGREE); SECTION 115.01 (CRIMINAL FACILITATION IN THESECTION 115.05 (CRIMINAL FACILITATION IN THE SECOND DEGREE); SECTION 115.08 (CRIMINAL FACILITATION IN THE FIRST DEGREE); SECTION 120.00 (ASSAULT IN THE THIRD DEGREE); SECTION 120.05 (ASSAULT IN THE 7 SECOND DEGREE); SECTION 120.10 (ASSAULT IN THE FIRST DEGREE); (AGGRAVATED ASSAULT UPON A PERSON LESS THAN ELEVEN YEARS OLD); 120.12 SECTION 120.13 (MENACING IN THE FIRST DEGREE); SECTION 120.14 (MENACING 9 10 SECOND DEGREE); SECTION 120.15 (MENACING IN THE THIRD DEGREE); SECTION 120.20 (RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT IN THE SECOND DEGREE); 11 12 (RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT IN THE FIRST DEGREE); SECTION 120.45 (STALKING IN THE FOURTH DEGREE); SECTION 120.50 (STALKING IN THE 13 14 DEGREE); SECTION 120.55 (STALKING IN THE SECOND DEGREE); SECTION 120.60 (STALKING IN THE FIRST DEGREE); SECTION 125.10 (CRIMINALLY NEGLIGENT 16 HOMICIDE); SECTION 125.15 (MANSLAUGHTER IN THE SECOND DEGREE); SECTION 125.20 (MANSLAUGHTER IN THE FIRST DEGREE); SECTION 125.25 (MURDER IN THE 17 18 SECOND DEGREE); SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION 130.35 (RAPE IN THE 19 SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION 130.50 (CRIMINAL SEXUAL ACT IN THE 20 FIRST DEGREE); SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION 130.65 (SEXUAL ABUSE IN 21 DEGREE); PARAGRAPH (A) OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION 130.67 (AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE SECOND DEGREE); PARAGRAPH (A) OF 23 VISION ONE OF SECTION 130.70 (AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE FIRST DEGREE); SECTION 135.05 (UNLAWFUL IMPRISONMENT IN THE SECOND 24 DEGREE); 25 (UNLAWFUL IMPRISONMENT IN THE FIRST DEGREE); SECTION SECTION 135.10 135.20 (KIDNAPPING IN THE SECOND DEGREE); SECTION 135.25 (KIDNAPPING 26 27 FIRST DEGREE); SECTION 135.45 (CUSTODIAL INTERFERENCE IN THE SECOND DEGREE); SECTION 135.50 (CUSTODIAL INTERFERENCE IN THE FIRST 28 DEGREE); 29 SECTION 135.60 (COERCION IN THE SECOND DEGREE); SECTION 135.65 (COERCION 30 THE FIRST DEGREE); SECTION 140.10 (CRIMINAL TRESPASS IN THE THIRD DEGREE); SECTION 140.15 (CRIMINAL TRESPASS IN THE SECOND 31 DEGREE); 32 SECTION 140.17 (CRIMINAL TRESPASS IN THE FIRST DEGREE); SECTION 140.20 33 (BURGLARY IN THE THIRD DEGREE); SECTION 140.25 (BURGLARY IN THE 34 DEGREE); SECTION 140.30 (BURGLARY IN THE FIRST DEGREE); SECTION 145.00 35 (CRIMINAL MISCHIEF IN THE FOURTH DEGREE); SECTION 145.05 (CRIMINAL 36 IN THE THIRD DEGREE); SECTION 145.10 (CRIMINAL MISCHIEF IN THE MISCHIEF 37 SECOND DEGREE); SECTION 145.12 (CRIMINAL MISCHIEF IN THE FIRST DEGREE); 38 SECTION 145.14 (CRIMINAL TAMPERING IN THE THIRD DEGREE); SECTION 145.15 39 (CRIMINAL TAMPERING IN THE SECOND DEGREE); SECTION 145.20 (CRIMINAL 40 TAMPERING IN THE FIRST DEGREE); SECTION 145.40 (TAMPERING WITH A CONSUM-THE SECOND DEGREE); SECTION 145.45 (TAMPERING WITH A 41 PRODUCT INCONSUMER PRODUCT IN THE FIRST DEGREE); SECTION 150.05 (ARSON 42 IN43 FOURTH DEGREE); SECTION 150.10 (ARSON IN THE THIRD DEGREE); SECTION 150.15 (ARSON IN THE SECOND DEGREE); SECTION 150.20 (ARSON IN THE 44 45 DEGREE); SECTION 155.25 (PETIT LARCENY); SECTION 155.30 (GRAND LARCENY IN THE FOURTH DEGREE); SECTION 155.35 (GRAND LARCENY IN THE THIRD 46 47 SECTION 155.40 (GRAND LARCENY IN THE SECOND DEGREE); SECTION DEGREE); 48 155.42 (GRAND LARCENY IN THE FIRST DEGREE); SECTION 160.05 (ROBBERY 49 THIRD DEGREE); SECTION 160.10 (ROBBERY IN THE SECOND DEGREE); 50 SECTION 160.15 (ROBBERY IN THE FIRST DEGREE); SECTION 165.00 (MISAPPLI-51 CATION OF PROPERTY); SECTION 165.05 (UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE IN THE THIRD DEGREE); SECTION 165.15 (THEFT OF SERVICES); SECTION 52 53 (FRAUDULENTLY OBTAINING A SIGNATURE); SECTION 165.30 (FRAUDULENT ACCOST-54 SECTION 195.05 (OBSTRUCTING GOVERNMENTAL ADMINISTRATION IN THE 55 SECOND DEGREE); SECTION 195.07 (OBSTRUCTING GOVERNMENTAL ADMINISTRATION THE FIRST DEGREE); SECTION 195.08 (OBSTRUCTING GOVERNMENTAL ADMINIS-56

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TRATION BY MEANS OF A SELF-DEFENSE SPRAY DEVICE); SECTION 195.15 (OBSTRUCTING FIREFIGHTING OPERATIONS); SECTION 195.16 (OBSTRUCTING EMER-MEDICAL SERVICES); SECTION 195.20 (DEFRAUDING THE GOVERNMENT); 205.05 (ESCAPE IN THE THIRD DEGREE); SECTION 205.10 (ESCAPE IN THE SECOND DEGREE); SECTION 205.15 (ESCAPE IN THE FIRST DEGREE); SECTION 205.30 (RESISTING ARREST); SECTION 205.55 (HINDERING PROSECUTION IN 7 THIRD DEGREE); SECTION 205.60 (HINDERING PROSECUTION IN THE SECOND DEGREE); SECTION 205.65 (HINDERING PROSECUTION IN THE FIRST DEGREE); 215.10 (TAMPERING WITH A WITNESS IN THE FOURTH DEGREE); SECTION 9 SECTION 10 215.11 (TAMPERING WITH A WITNESS IN THE THIRD DEGREE); SECTION (TAMPERING WITH A WITNESS IN THE SECOND DEGREE); SECTION 215.13 (TAMPER-11 WITH A WITNESS IN THE FIRST DEGREE); SECTION 215.15 (INTIMIDATING A 12 13 VICTIM OR WITNESS IN THE THIRD DEGREE); SECTION 215.16 (INTIMIDATING A 14 OR WITNESS IN THE SECOND DEGREE); SECTION 215.17 (INTIMIDATING A VICTIM OR WITNESS IN THE FIRST DEGREE); SECTION 215.23 (TAMPERING WITH A 16 JUROR IN THE SECOND DEGREE); SECTION 215.25 (TAMPERING WITH A JUROR IN 17 FIRST DEGREE); SECTION 215.40 (TAMPERING WITH PHYSICAL EVIDENCE); SECTION 215.45 (COMPOUNDING A CRIME); SECTION 215.50 (CRIMINAL CONTEMPT 18 19 SECOND DEGREE); SECTION 215.51 (CRIMINAL CONTEMPT IN THE FIRST 20 DEGREE); SECTION 215.52 (AGGRAVATED CRIMINAL CONTEMPT); SECTION 240.21 21 (DISRUPTION OR DISTURBANCE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICE, FUNERAL, BURIAL OR 22 MEMORIAL SERVICE); SECTION 240.26 (HARASSMENT IN THE SECOND 23 SECTION 240.48 (DISSEMINATING A FALSE REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER NOTICE); 24 SECTION 240.50 (FALSELY REPORTING AN INCIDENT IN THE THIRD DEGREE); 25 SECTION 240.55 (FALSELY REPORTING AN INCIDENT IN THE SECOND DEGREE); 26 SECTION 240.60 (FALSELY REPORTING AN INCIDENT IN THE FIRST DEGREE); SECTION 240.70 (CRIMINAL INTERFERENCE WITH HEALTH CARE SERVICES OR RELI-27 WORSHIP IN THE SECOND DEGREE); SECTION 240.71 (CRIMINAL INTERFER-28 29 ENCE WITH HEALTH CARE SERVICES OR RELIGIOUS WORSHIP IN THE 30 DEGREE); SECTION 241.05 (HARASSMENT OF A RENT REGULATED TENANT); SECTION (EAVESDROPPING); SECTION 250.25 (TAMPERING WITH PRIVATE COMMUNI-31 250.05 32 CATIONS); SECTION 250.30 (UNLAWFULLY OBTAINING COMMUNICATIONS INFORMA-33 SECTION 250.45 (UNLAWFUL SURVEILLANCE IN THE SECOND DEGREE); SECTION 250.50 (UNLAWFUL SURVEILLANCE IN THE 34 FIRST DEGREE); SECTION 35 265.01 (CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF A WEAPON IN THE FOURTH DEGREE); SECTION 36 265.02 (CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF A WEAPON IN THE THIRD DEGREE); 37 (CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF A WEAPON IN THE SECOND DEGREE); SECTION 38 265.04 (CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF A DANGEROUS WEAPON IN THE FIRST DEGREE); 39 SECTION 265.06 (UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A WEAPON UPON SCHOOL GROUNDS); 40 SECTION 265.08 (CRIMINAL USE OF A FIREARM IN THE SECOND DEGREE); SECTION 265.09 (CRIMINAL USE OF A FIREARM IN THE FIRST DEGREE); SUBDIVISION 41 THREE OF SECTION 265.10 (MANUFACTURE, TRANSPORT, DISPOSITION AND DEFACE-42 43 MENT OF WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES); SECTION 44 270.20 (UNLAWFUL WEARING OF A BODY VEST); SECTION 485.05 (HATE CRIMES); 45 SECTION 490.25 (CRIME OF TERRORISM); SECTION 490.30 (HINDERING PROSE-CUTION OF TERRORISM IN THE SECOND DEGREE); SECTION 490.35 (HINDERING 46 47 PROSECUTION OF TERRORISM IN THE FIRST DEGREE); SECTION 490.37 (CRIMINAL 48 POSSESSION OF A CHEMICAL WEAPON OR BIOLOGICAL WEAPON IN THE 49 DEGREE); SECTION 490.40 (CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF A CHEMICAL WEAPON OR 50 BIOLOGICAL WEAPON IN THE SECOND DEGREE); SECTION 490.45 (CHEMICAL 51 POSSESSION OF A CHEMICAL WEAPON OR BIOLOGICAL WEAPON IN THE FIRST DEGREE); SECTION 490.47 (CRIMINAL USE OF A CHEMICAL WEAPON OR BIOLOGICAL 52 53 WEAPON IN THE THIRD DEGREE); SECTION 490.50 (CRIMINAL USE OF A CHEMICAL 54 WEAPON OR BIOLOGICAL WEAPON IN THE SECOND DEGREE); OR ANY ATTEMPT OR 55 CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT ANY OF THE FOREGOING OFFENSES.

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3. (A) WHEN A PERSON IS CONVICTED OF COMMITTING AN OFFENSE WHILE IMPERSONATING A POLICE OFFICER OR PEACE OFFICER PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, AND THE SPECIFIED OFFENSE IS A VIOLENT FELONY OFFENSE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 70.02 OF THIS CHAPTER, THE OFFENSE OF COMMITTING AN OFFENSE WHILE IMPERSONATING A POLICE OFFICER OR PEACE OFFICER SHALL BE DEEMED A VIOLENT FELONY OFFENSE.

- (B) WHEN A PERSON IS CONVICTED OF COMMITTING AN OFFENSE WHILE IMPERSONATING A POLICE OFFICER OR PEACE OFFICER PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND THE SPECIFIED OFFENSE IS A MISDEMEANOR OR A CLASS C, D OR E FELONY, THE OFFENSE OF COMMITTING AN OFFENSE WHILE IMPERSONATING A POLICE OFFICER OR PEACE OFFICER SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE ONE CATEGORY HIGHER THAN THE SPECIFIED OFFENSE THE DEFENDANT COMMITTED, OR ONE CATEGORY HIGHER THAN THE OFFENSE LEVEL APPLICABLE TO THE DEFENDANT'S CONVICTION FOR AN ATTEMPT OR CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT A SPECIFIED OFFENSE, WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE.
- (C) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, WHEN A PERSON IS CONVICTED OF COMMITTING AN OFFENSE WHILE IMPERSONATING A POLICE OFFICER OR PEACE OFFICER PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND THE SPECIFIED OFFENSE IS A CLASS B FELONY:
- (I) THE MAXIMUM TERM OF THE INDETERMINATE SENTENCE MUST BE AT LEAST SIX YEARS IF THE DEFENDANT IS SENTENCED PURSUANT TO SECTION 70.00 OF THIS CHAPTER;
- (II) THE TERM OF THE DETERMINATE SENTENCE MUST BE AT LEAST EIGHT YEARS IF THE DEFENDANT IS SENTENCED PURSUANT TO SECTION 70.02 OF THIS CHAPTER; (III) THE TERM OF THE DETERMINATE SENTENCE MUST BE AT LEAST TWELVE YEARS IF THE DEFENDANT IS SENTENCED PURSUANT TO SECTION 70.04 OF THIS CHAPTER;
- (IV) THE MAXIMUM TERM OF THE INDETERMINATE SENTENCE MUST BE AT LEAST FOUR YEARS IF THE DEFENDANT IS SENTENCED PURSUANT TO SECTION 70.05 OF THIS CHAPTER; AND
- (V) THE MAXIMUM TERM OF THE INDETERMINATE SENTENCE OR THE TERM OF THE DETERMINATE SENTENCE MUST BE AT LEAST TEN YEARS IF THE DEFENDANT IS SENTENCED PURSUANT TO SECTION 70.06 OF THIS CHAPTER.
- (D) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, WHEN A PERSON IS CONVICTED OF COMMITTING AN OFFENSE WHILE IMPERSONATING A POLICE OFFICER OR PEACE OFFICER PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND THE SPECIFIED OFFENSE IS A CLASS A-I FELONY, THE MINIMUM PERIOD OF THE INDETERMINATE SENTENCE SHALL BE NOT LESS THAN TWENTY YEARS.
- (E) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, WHEN A PERSON IS CONVICTED OF COMMITTING AN OFFENSE WHILE IMPERSONATING A POLICE OFFICER OR PEACE OFFICER PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND THE SPECIFIED OFFENSE IS THE VIOLATION OF HARASSMENT IN THE SECOND DEGREE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 240.26 OF THIS PART, THE COMMITTING OF AN OFFENSE WHILE IMPERSONATING A POLICE OFFICER OR PEACE OFFICER SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE A CLASS A MISDEMEANOR.
- S 2. Subdivision 2 of section 70.25 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 56 of the laws of 1984, is amended to read as follows:
- 2. When more than one sentence of imprisonment is imposed on a person for two or more offenses committed through a single act or omission, or through an act or omission which in itself constituted one of the offenses and also was a material element of the other OR A VIOLATION OF SECTION 190.28 OF THIS CHAPTER AND A VIOLATION OF SECTION 190.25 OR 190.26 OF THIS CHAPTER COMMITTED THROUGH A SINGLE ACT OR CRIMINAL TRANSACTION, the sentences, except if one or more of such sentences is for a violation of section 270.20 of this chapter, must run concurrently.
- S 3. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.