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Introduced by Sen. LITTLE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to increasing the penalties for hazing

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

- 1     Section 1. Section 120.16 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 86  
2     of the laws of 1988, is amended to read as follows:  
3     S 120.16 Hazing in the first degree.  
4     A person is guilty of hazing in the first degree when, in the course  
5     of another person's initiation into or affiliation with any organiza-  
6     tion, he OR SHE intentionally or recklessly engages in conduct which  
7     creates a substantial risk of SERIOUS physical injury OR DEATH to such  
8     other person or a third person and thereby causes such SERIOUS injury OR  
9     DEATH TO SUCH PERSON OR TO A THIRD PERSON.  
10    Hazing in the first degree is a class [A misdemeanor] D FELONY.  
11    S 2. Section 120.17 of the penal law, as added by chapter 86 of the  
12    laws of 1988, is amended to read as follows:  
13    S 120.17 Hazing in the second degree.  
14    A person is guilty of hazing in the second degree when, in the course  
15    of another person's initiation or affiliation with any organization, he  
16    OR SHE intentionally or recklessly engages in conduct which creates a  
17    substantial risk of physical injury to such other person or a third  
18    person AND THEREBY CAUSES SUCH INJURY.  
19    Hazing in the second degree is a [violation] CLASS E FELONY.  
20    S 3. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 120.19 to read  
21    as follows:  
22    S 120.19 HAZING IN THE THIRD DEGREE.  
23    A PERSON IS GUILTY OF HAZING IN THE THIRD DEGREE WHEN, IN THE COURSE  
24    OF ANOTHER PERSON'S INITIATION OR AFFILIATION WITH ANY ORGANIZATION, HE

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

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1 OR SHE INTENTIONALLY OR RECKLESSLY ENGAGES IN CONDUCT WHICH CREATES A  
2 SUBSTANTIAL RISK OF PHYSICAL INJURY TO SUCH OTHER PERSON OR A THIRD  
3 PERSON.  
4 HAZING IN THE THIRD DEGREE IS A CLASS A MISDEMEANOR.  
5 S 4. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeed-  
6 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.