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Introduced by M. of A. HEASTIE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to establishing a 24 hour toll-free statewide hotline to report criminal or unlawful possession of a weapon

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 265.07 to read as follows:

S 265.07 CRIMINAL OR UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A WEAPON HOTLINE.

1. THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES SHALL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR TOLL-FREE STATEWIDE HOTLINE NUMBER FOR USE IN THE INVESTIGATION AND PREVENTION OF CRIMINAL OR UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A WEAPON IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 265.01, 265.02, 265.03, 265.04, 265.05 OR 265.06 OF THIS ARTICLE. SUCH TOLL-FREE NUMBER MAY BE USED BY PERSONS TO REPORT OBSERVATIONS OR KNOWLEDGE OF PERSONS ENGAGING IN CONDUCT SPECIFIED IN SECTIONS 265.01, 265.02, 265.03, 265.04, 265.05 AND 265.06 OF THIS ARTICLE.

2. INFORMATION CONCERNING CRIMINAL OR UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A WEAPON OBTAINED FROM USE OF THE TOLL-FREE NUMBER SHALL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE APPROPRIATE STATE OR LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE COMMISSIONER, THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES SHALL PREPARE AN ANNUAL REPORT WHICH PROVIDES INFORMATION CONCERNING THE NUMBER, LOCATION AND NATURE OF THE CALLS RECEIVED ON THE CRIMINAL OR UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A WEAPON HOTLINE. THE ANNUAL REPORT SHALL BE PUBLISHED ON THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES' WEBSITE.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date is authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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