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Introduced by M. of A. LENTOL, WEINSTEIN -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. CAHILL, ENGLEBRIGHT, MAGNARELLI -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to offering an unlawful gratuity to a juror

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 215.26 to read as follows:

S 215.26 OFFERING AN UNLAWFUL GRATUITY TO A JUROR.

A PERSON IS GUILTY OF OFFERING AN UNLAWFUL GRATUITY TO A JUROR WHEN, BEING A PARTY OR REPRESENTATIVE OF A PARTY TO AN ACTION OR PROCEEDING BROUGHT BEFORE SUCH JUROR, AND AFTER DISCHARGE OF SUCH JUROR, HE OR SHE CONFERS, OR OFFERS OR AGREES TO CONFER, ANY PAYMENT OR BENEFIT UPON SUCH JUROR OR A THIRD PERSON, WITH INTENT TO INFLUENCE OR REWARD SUCH JUROR'S CONDUCT REGARDING THAT PARTY IN ANY COURT ACTION OR PROCEEDING.

OFFERING AN UNLAWFUL GRATUITY TO A JUROR IS A CLASS A MISDEMEANOR.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeeding the date upon which 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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