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Introduced by M. of A. WEPRIN -- read once and referred to the Committee  
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AN ACT to amend the penal law and the vehicle and traffic law, in  
relation to bias-related graffiti

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

1     Section 1. Section 240.31 of the penal law is amended by adding a new  
2     subdivision 1-a to read as follows:  
3     1-A. ETCHES, PAINTS, COVERS, DRAWS UPON OR OTHERWISE PLACES A MARK  
4     UPON PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY; OR  
5     S 2. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 60.31 to read as  
6     follows:  
7     S 60.31 AUTHORIZED DISPOSITION; AGGRAVATED HARASSMENT IN THE FIRST  
8     DEGREE.  
9     WHEN A PERSON IS CONVICTED OF AN OFFENSE DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION ONE-A  
10    OF SECTION 240.31 OF THIS CHAPTER, OR OF AN ATTEMPT TO COMMIT SUCH AN  
11    OFFENSE, OR OF A LESSER INCLUDED OFFENSE, IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER  
12    SENTENCE IMPOSED OR AS A CONDITION OF PROBATION OR CONDITIONAL  
13    DISCHARGE: (1) THE COURT MAY ORDER SUCH PERSON TO PARTICIPATE IN, AT HIS  
14    OWN EXPENSE, A DIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAM THAT IS DESIGNED TO OVERCOME  
15    DISCRIMINATION, PREJUDICE AND INTOLERANCE, AND THAT PROMOTES COMMUNI-  
16    CATION, UNDERSTANDING AND RESPECT AMONG DIVERSE RACIAL, RELIGIOUS AND  
17    ETHNIC GROUPS AND/OR (2) MAY SUSPEND SUCH INDIVIDUAL'S DRIVER'S LICENSE  
18    OR PRIVILEGE TO DRIVE IN THIS STATE FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO ONE YEAR, OR,  
19    IN THE EVENT SUCH INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT HAVE A DRIVER'S LICENSE, THE COURT  
20    MAY DELAY THE GRANTING OF A DRIVER'S LICENSE FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO ONE  
21    YEAR.  
22    S 3. Section 502 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a  
23    new subdivision 8 to read as follows:  
24    8. EXCEPTIONS. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SECTION,  
25    THE COMMISSIONER SHALL NOT ISSUE A DRIVER'S LICENSE TO ANY PERSON  
26    CONVICTED OF AN OFFENSE DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION ONE-A OF SECTION 240.31  
27    OF THE PENAL LAW, OR OF AN ATTEMPT TO COMMIT SUCH AN OFFENSE, OR OF A

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

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1 LESSER INCLUDED OFFENSE, UNTIL SUCH TIME AS IMPOSED BY THE SENTENCING  
2 COURT HAS LAPSED.

3 S 4. Subdivision 3 of section 510 of the vehicle and traffic law is  
4 amended by adding a new paragraph j-1 to read as follows:

5 J-1. FOR A PERIOD UP TO ONE YEAR WHERE THE HOLDER HAS BEEN CONVICTED  
6 OF AN OFFENSE DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION ONE-A OF SECTION 240.31 OF THE  
7 PENAL LAW;

8 S 5. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeed-  
9 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.