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IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to categorizing members of an auxiliary police program organized and maintained by a state or local police department with police officers and peace officers for purposes of certain felony classifications

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

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Auxiliary Police Officers Yevgeniy Marshalik and Nicholas Pekearo Memorial Act."

Section 125.11 of the penal law, as added by chapter 765 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

S 125.11 Aggravated criminally negligent homicide.

A person is guilty of aggravated criminally negligent homicide when, with criminal negligence, he or she causes the death of a police officer peace officer OR A MEMBER OF AN AUXILIARY POLICE PROGRAM ORGAN-IZED AND MAINTAINED BY A STATE OR LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT where officer OR MEMBER OF AN AUXILIARY POLICE PROGRAM was in the course of performing his or her official duties and the defendant knew or reasonshould have known that such victim was a police officer or peace officer OR MEMBER OF AN AUXILIARY POLICE PROGRAM.

Aggravated criminally negligent homicide is a class C felony.

S 3. Section 125.21 of the penal law, as added by chapter 765 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

S 125.21 Aggravated manslaughter in the second degree.

A person is guilty of aggravated manslaughter in the second degree when he or she recklessly causes the death of a police officer [or], peace officer OR A MEMBER OF AN AUXILIARY POLICE PROGRAM ORGANIZED AND MAINTAINED BY A STATE OR LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT where such officer OR MEMBER OF AN AUXILIARY POLICE PROGRAM was in the course of performing his or her official duties and the defendant knew or reasonably should have known that such victim was a police officer or peace officer OR MEMBER OF AN AUXILIARY POLICE PROGRAM.

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Aggravated manslaughter in the second degree is a class C felony.

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

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S 4. Section 125.22 of the penal law, as added by chapter 765 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

S 125.22 Aggravated manslaughter in the first degree.

A person is guilty of aggravated manslaughter in the first degree when:

- 1. with intent to cause serious physical injury to a police officer [or], peace officer OR A MEMBER OF AN AUXILIARY POLICE PROGRAM ORGANIZED AND MAINTAINED BY A STATE OR LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT, where such officer OR MEMBER OF AN AUXILIARY POLICE PROGRAM was in the course of performing his or her official duties and the defendant knew or reasonably should have known that such victim was a police officer [or], a peace officer OR A MEMBER OF AN AUXILIARY POLICE PROGRAM, he or she causes the death of such officer OR MEMBER OF AN AUXILIARY POLICE PROGRAM or another police officer or peace officer OR A MEMBER OF AN AUXILIARY POLICE PROGRAM; or
- 2. with intent to cause the death of a police officer [or], peace officer OR A MEMBER OF AN AUXILIARY POLICE PROGRAM ORGANIZED AND MAINsuch officer OR TAINED BY A STATE OR LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT, where MEMBER OF AN AUXILIARY POLICE PROGRAM was in the course of performing his or her official duties and the defendant knew or reasonably should have known that such victim was a police officer [or], A peace officer OR A MEMBER OF AN AUXILIARY POLICE PROGRAM, he or she causes the death of such officer, MEMBER OF AN AUXILIARY POLICE PROGRAM or another police officer or peace officer OR MEMBER OF AN AUXILIARY POLICE PROGRAM under circumstances which do not constitute murder because he or under the influence of extreme emotional disturbance, as defined in paragraph (a) of subdivision one of section 125.25. The fact that homicide was committed under the influence of extreme emotional disturbance constitutes a mitigating circumstance reducing murder to aggravated manslaughter in the first degree or manslaughter in the first degree and need not be proved in any prosecution initiated under this subdivision.

Aggravated manslaughter in the first degree is a class B felony.

- S 5. Paragraph a of subdivision 1 of section 125.26 of the penal law is amended by adding a new subparagraph (ii-b) to read as follows:
- (II-B) THE INTENDED VICTIM WAS A MEMBER OF AN AUXILIARY POLICE PROGRAM ORGANIZED AND MAINTAINED BY A STATE OR LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT WHO WAS AT THE TIME OF THE KILLING ENGAGED IN THE COURSE OF PERFORMING HIS OR HER OFFICIAL DUTIES, AND THE DEFENDANT KNEW OR REASONABLY SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT THE INTENDED VICTIM WAS SUCH A MEMBER OF AN AUXILIARY POLICE PROGRAM; OR
- S 6. Paragraph a of subdivision 1 of section 125.27 of the penal law is amended by adding a new subparagraph (ii-b) to read as follows:
- (II-B) THE INTENDED VICTIM WAS A MEMBER OF AN AUXILIARY POLICE PROGRAM ORGANIZED AND MAINTAINED BY A STATE OR LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT WHO WAS AT THE TIME OF THE KILLING ENGAGED IN THE COURSE OF PERFORMING HIS OR HER OFFICIAL DUTIES, AND THE DEFENDANT KNEW OR REASONABLY SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT THE INTENDED VICTIM WAS SUCH A MEMBER OF AN AUXILIARY POLICE PROGRAM; OR
- S 7. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeeding the date upon which it shall have become a law.