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Introduced by M. of A. TITONE, ORTIZ, MILLER, CORWIN, FINCH -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. ARROYO, BARCLAY, CERETTO, GIGLIO, HOOPER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes -- recommitted to the Committee on Codes in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to the crime of endangering the welfare of a child and to create a new crime of endangering the welfare of a child in the first degree

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

1     Section 1. Section 260.10 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 447  
2 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:  
3 S 260.10 Endangering the welfare of a child IN THE SECOND DEGREE.  
4     A person is guilty of endangering the welfare of a child IN THE SECOND  
5 DEGREE when:  
6     1. He or she knowingly acts in a manner likely to be injurious to the  
7 physical, mental or moral welfare of a child less than seventeen years  
8 old or directs or authorizes such child to engage in an occupation  
9 involving a substantial risk of danger to his or her life or health; or  
10     2. Being a parent, guardian or other person legally charged with the  
11 care or custody of a child less than eighteen years old, he or she fails  
12 or refuses to exercise reasonable diligence in the control of such child  
13 to prevent him or her from becoming an "abused child," a "neglected  
14 child," a "juvenile delinquent" or a "person in need of supervision," as  
15 those terms are defined in articles ten, three and seven of the family  
16 court act.  
17     3. A person is not guilty of the provisions of this section when he or  
18 she engages in the conduct described in subdivision one of section  
19 260.00 of this article: (a) with the intent to wholly abandon the child  
20 by relinquishing responsibility for and right to the care and custody of

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

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1 such child; (b) with the intent that the child be safe from physical  
2 injury and cared for in an appropriate manner; (c) the child is left  
3 with an appropriate person, or in a suitable location and the person who  
4 leaves the child promptly notifies an appropriate person of the child's  
5 location; and (d) the child is not more than thirty days old.

6 Endangering the welfare of a child IN THE SECOND DEGREE is a class A  
7 misdemeanor.

8 S 2. Section 260.11 of the penal law is renumbered section 260.12.

9 S 3. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 260.11 to read  
10 as follows:

11 S 260.11 ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A CHILD IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

12 A PERSON IS GUILTY OF ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A CHILD IN THE FIRST  
13 DEGREE WHEN:

14 1. HE OR SHE KNOWINGLY ACTS IN A MANNER WHICH CREATES A RISK OF EITHER  
15 SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY OR PROLONGED IMPAIRMENT OF THE MENTAL OR  
16 EMOTIONAL CONDITION OF A CHILD LESS THAN SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD; OR

17 2. HE OR SHE COMMITS THE OFFENSE OF ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A CHILD  
18 IN THE SECOND DEGREE, WHEN:

19 (A) THE CHILD IS LESS THAN ELEVEN YEARS OLD; OR

20 (B) THE CHILD SUFFERED PHYSICAL INJURY; OR

21 (C) HE OR SHE HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN CONVICTED OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING  
22 OFFENSES: ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A CHILD IN THE SECOND DEGREE AS

23 DEFINED IN SECTION 260.10; ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A CHILD IN THE

24 FIRST DEGREE AS DEFINED IN THIS SECTION; ABANDONMENT OF A CHILD AS

25 DEFINED IN SECTION 260.00; ASSAULT IN THE SECOND DEGREE AS DEFINED IN

26 SUBDIVISION EIGHT OR NINE OF SECTION 120.05; AGGRAVATED ASSAULT UPON A

27 PERSON LESS THAN ELEVEN YEARS OLD AS DEFINED IN SECTION 120.12;

28 MANSLAUGHTER IN THE FIRST DEGREE AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION FOUR OF

29 SECTION 125.20; MURDER IN THE SECOND DEGREE AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION

30 FOUR OF SECTION 125.25; RAPE IN THE THIRD DEGREE AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVI-

31 SION TWO OF SECTION 130.25; RAPE IN THE SECOND DEGREE AS DEFINED IN

32 SECTION 130.30; RAPE IN THE FIRST DEGREE AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION THREE

33 OF SECTION 130.35; CRIMINAL SEXUAL ACT IN THE THIRD DEGREE AS DEFINED IN

34 SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION 130.40; CRIMINAL SEXUAL ACT IN THE SECOND

35 DEGREE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 130.45; CRIMINAL SEXUAL ACT IN THE FIRST

36 DEGREE AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION THREE OF SECTION 130.50; SEXUAL ABUSE

37 IN THE SECOND DEGREE AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION 130.60;

38 SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE FIRST DEGREE AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION THREE OF

39 SECTION 130.65; AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE THIRD DEGREE AS DEFINED

40 IN PARAGRAPH (C) OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION 130.66; AGGRAVATED SEXUAL

41 ABUSE IN THE SECOND DEGREE AS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH (C) OF SUBDIVISION

42 ONE OF SECTION 130.67; AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE FIRST DEGREE AS

43 DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH (C) OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION 130.70; COURSE OF

44 SEXUAL CONDUCT AGAINST A CHILD IN THE FIRST DEGREE AS DEFINED IN SECTION

45 130.75; COURSE OF SEXUAL CONDUCT AGAINST A CHILD IN THE SECOND DEGREE AS

46 DEFINED IN SECTION 130.80; DISSEMINATING INDECENT MATERIAL TO MINORS IN

47 THE SECOND DEGREE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 235.21; DISSEMINATING INDECENT

48 MATERIAL TO MINORS IN THE FIRST DEGREE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 235.22; USE

49 OF A CHILD IN A SEXUAL PERFORMANCE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 263.05; PROMOT-

50 ING AN OBSCENE SEXUAL PERFORMANCE BY A CHILD AS DEFINED IN SECTION

51 263.10; POSSESSING AN OBSCENE SEXUAL PERFORMANCE BY A CHILD AS DEFINED

52 IN SECTION 263.11; PROMOTING A SEXUAL PERFORMANCE BY A CHILD AS DEFINED

53 IN SECTION 263.15; POSSESSING A SEXUAL PERFORMANCE BY A CHILD AS DEFINED

54 IN SECTION 263.16; OR A SIMILAR OFFENSE AGAINST A CHILD IN ANY OTHER

55 JURISDICTION.

1     ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A CHILD IN THE FIRST DEGREE IS A CLASS D  
2     FELONY.

3     S 4. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 1 of section 70.02 of the penal law,  
4     as amended by chapter 368 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as  
5     follows:

6     (c) Class D violent felony offenses: an attempt to commit any of the  
7     class C felonies set forth in paragraph (b); reckless assault of a child  
8     as defined in section 120.02, assault in the second degree as defined in  
9     section 120.05, menacing a police officer or peace officer as defined in  
10    section 120.18, stalking in the first degree, as defined in subdivision  
11    one of section 120.60, strangulation in the second degree as defined in  
12    section 121.12, rape in the second degree as defined in section 130.30,  
13    criminal sexual act in the second degree as defined in section 130.45,  
14    sexual abuse in the first degree as defined in section 130.65, course of  
15    sexual conduct against a child in the second degree as defined in  
16    section 130.80, aggravated sexual abuse in the third degree as defined  
17    in section 130.66, facilitating a sex offense with a controlled  
18    substance as defined in section 130.90, labor trafficking as defined in  
19    paragraphs (a) and (b) of subdivision three of section 135.35, ENDANGER-  
20    ING THE WELFARE OF A CHILD IN THE FIRST DEGREE AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
21    260.11, criminal possession of a weapon in the third degree as defined  
22    in subdivision five, six, seven, eight, nine or ten of section 265.02,  
23    criminal sale of a firearm in the third degree as defined in section  
24    265.11, intimidating a victim or witness in the second degree as defined  
25    in section 215.16, soliciting or providing support for an act of terror-  
26    ism in the second degree as defined in section 490.10, and making a  
27    terroristic threat as defined in section 490.20, falsely reporting an  
28    incident in the first degree as defined in section 240.60, placing a  
29    false bomb or hazardous substance in the first degree as defined in  
30    section 240.62, placing a false bomb or hazardous substance in a sports  
31    stadium or arena, mass transportation facility or enclosed shopping mall  
32    as defined in section 240.63, and aggravated unpermitted use of indoor  
33    pyrotechnics in the first degree as defined in section 405.18.

34    S 5. Section 260.12 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 89 of the  
35    laws of 1984 and as renumbered by section two of this act, is amended to  
36    read as follows:

37    S 260.12 Endangering the welfare of a child; corroboration.

38    A person shall not be convicted of endangering the welfare of a child  
39    AS DEFINED IN SECTION 260.10 OR 260.11 OF THIS ARTICLE, or of an attempt  
40    to commit the same, upon the testimony of a victim who is incapable of  
41    consent because of mental defect or mental incapacity as to conduct that  
42    constitutes an offense or an attempt to commit an offense referred to in  
43    section 130.16, without additional evidence sufficient pursuant to  
44    section 130.16 to sustain a conviction of an offense referred to in  
45    section 130.16, or of an attempt to commit the same.

46    S 6. Section 260.15 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 447 of the  
47    laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

48    S 260.15 Endangering the welfare of a child; defense.

49    In any prosecution for endangering the welfare of a child, pursuant to  
50    section 260.10 OR 260.11 of this article, based upon an alleged failure  
51    or refusal to provide proper medical care or treatment to an ill child,  
52    it is an affirmative defense that the defendant (a) is a parent, guardi-  
53    an or other person legally charged with the care or custody of such  
54    child; and (b) is a member or adherent of an organized church or reli-  
55    gious group the tenets of which prescribe prayer as the principal treat-

1 ment for illness; and (c) treated or caused such ill child to be treated  
2 in accordance with such tenets.  
3 S 7. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeed-  
4 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.