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Introduced by Sen. HASSELL-THOMPSON -- read twice and ordered printed,  
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AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to the definition of serious  
offense

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

1     Section 1. Subdivision 17 of section 265.00 of the penal law is  
2     amended by adding a new paragraph (c) to read as follows:  
3     (C) AN OFFENSE WHICH WOULD CONSTITUTE A FAMILY OFFENSE PURSUANT TO  
4     SECTION EIGHT HUNDRED TWELVE OF THE FAMILY COURT ACT, WHERE THE VICTIM  
5     OF SUCH OFFENSE WAS A "FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD MEMBER" AS DEFINED IN THAT  
6     SECTION. WHERE ALLEGATIONS OF CONDUCT WHICH WOULD CONSTITUTE A  
7     VIOLATION UNDER THIS CHAPTER HAVE BEEN SUSTAINED AFTER A FACT FINDING  
8     HEARING IN FAMILY COURT THE RESPONDENT MAY MOTION THE COURT TO VACATE  
9     THE "SERIOUS OFFENSE" DESIGNATION MADE APPLICABLE UNDER THIS SECTION  
10    THREE YEARS AFTER DISPOSITION OF THE FAMILY COURT CASE. WHEN CONSIDERING  
11    THE MOTION TO VACATE THE "SERIOUS OFFENSE" DESIGNATION THE COURT SHALL  
12    CONSIDER: (I) THE SERIOUSNESS AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE OFFENSE; (II) THE  
13    EXTENT OF HARM CAUSED BY THE OFFENSE; (III) THE HISTORY, CHARACTER AND  
14    CONDITION OF THE RESPONDENT; (IV) THE POSITION OF THE PETITIONER; AND  
15    (V) THE IMPACT VACATING THE "SERIOUS OFFENSE" DESIGNATION MAY HAVE ON  
16    PUBLIC SAFETY. UPON DECIDING THE MOTION THE COURT MUST SET ITS REASONS  
17    THEREFOR UPON THE RECORD.  
18    S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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