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Introduced by Sen. RITCHIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to increasing penalties for criminal use of a firearm in the first degree when committing a drug related felony offense

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

1     Section 1. Section 265.09 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 650  
2 of the laws of 1996 and subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 1 of the  
3 laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:  
4 S 265.09 Criminal use of a firearm in the first degree.  
5     (1) A person is guilty of criminal use of a firearm in the first  
6 degree when he OR SHE commits any class B violent felony offense as  
7 defined in paragraph (a) of subdivision one of section 70.02 OR COMMITS  
8 ANY DRUG RELATED FELONY OFFENSE AS DEFINED IN SECTIONS 220.31, 220.34,  
9 220.39, 220.41, 220.43, 220.44 AND 220.48 OF THIS CHAPTER and he OR SHE  
10 either:  
11     (a) possesses a deadly weapon, if the weapon is a loaded OR UNLOADED  
12 weapon from which a shot, readily capable of producing death or other  
13 serious injury may be discharged; or  
14     (b) displays what appears to be a pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun,  
15 machine gun or other firearm.  
16     Criminal use of a firearm in the first degree is a class B felony.  
17     (2) Sentencing. (A) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
18 contrary, when a person is convicted of criminal use of a firearm in the  
19 first degree as defined in subdivision one of this section, the court  
20 shall impose an additional consecutive sentence of [five] TEN years to  
21 the sentence imposed on the underlying class B violent felony offense OR  
22 DRUG RELATED FELONY OFFENSE where the person convicted of such crime  
23 displays a loaded OR UNLOADED weapon from which a shot, readily capable  
24 of producing death or other serious injury may be discharged OR DISPLAYS  
25 WHAT APPEARS TO BE A PISTOL, REVOLVER, SHOTGUN, MACHINE GUN OR OTHER  
26 FIREARM, in furtherance of the commission of such crime[, provided,  
27 however, that such additional sentence shall not be imposed if the

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

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1 court, having regard to the nature and circumstances of the crime and to  
2 the history and character of the defendant, finds on the record that  
3 such additional consecutive sentence would be unduly harsh and that not  
4 imposing such sentence would be consistent with the public safety and  
5 would not deprecate the seriousness of the crime]. THE ADDITIONAL  
6 SENTENCE SHALL BE IMPOSED BY THE COURT REGARDLESS OF THE NATURE AND  
7 CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CRIME AND TO THE HISTORY AND CHARACTER OF THE  
8 DEFENDANT. THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF ANY JURISDICTION SHALL BE PROHIBITED  
9 FROM DISMISSING THIS OFFENSE IN THE COURSE OF A PLEA BARGAIN.

10 (B) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the  
11 aggregate of the [five] TEN year consecutive term imposed pursuant to  
12 this subdivision and the minimum term of the indeterminate sentence  
13 imposed on the underlying class B violent felony OR DRUG RELATED FELONY  
14 OFFENSE shall constitute the new aggregate minimum term of imprisonment,  
15 and a person subject to such term shall be required to serve the entire  
16 aggregate minimum term and shall not be eligible for release on parole  
17 or conditional release during such term. This subdivision shall [not]  
18 apply where the defendant's criminal liability for displaying a loaded  
19 OR UNLOADED weapon from which a shot, readily capable of producing death  
20 or other serious injury may be discharged, OR DISPLAYS WHAT APPEARS TO  
21 BE A PISTOL, REVOLVER, RIFLE, SHOTGUN, MACHINE GUN OR OTHER FIREARM, in  
22 furtherance of the commission of crime is based on the conduct of another  
23 pursuant to section 20.00 of this chapter.

24 S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
25 it shall have become a law.