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Introduced by Sen. HOYLMAN -- 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 computer tampering

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

1     Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 5 of section 156.00 of the  
2     penal law, as amended by chapter 558 of the laws of 2006, is amended to  
3     read as follows:  
4     (c) is not and is not intended to be available to anyone other than  
5     the person or persons rightfully in possession thereof or selected  
6     persons having access thereto with his, her or their consent and which  
7     [accords or may accord such rightful possessors an advantage over  
8     competitors or other persons who do not have knowledge or the benefit  
9     thereof] PERSONS OTHER THAN THOSE RIGHTLY IN POSSESSION, KNOW OR SHOULD  
10    KNOW THAT SAID MATERIAL IS NOT INTENDED TO BE AVAILABLE TO THEM.  
11    S 2. Section 156.20 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 558 of the  
12    laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:  
13    S 156.20 Computer tampering in the [fourth] FIFTH degree.  
14    A person is guilty of computer tampering in the [fourth] FIFTH degree  
15    when he or she uses, causes to be used, or accesses a computer, computer  
16    service, or computer network without authorization and he or she inten-  
17    tionally alters in any manner or destroys computer data or a computer  
18    program of another person.  
19    Computer tampering in the [fourth] FIFTH degree is a class A misdemea-  
20    nor.  
21    S 3. Section 156.25 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 89 of the  
22    laws of 1993, subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 376 of the laws of  
23    1997, is amended to read as follows:  
24    S 156.25 Computer tampering in the [third] FOURTH degree.

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

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1 A person is guilty of computer tampering in the [third] FOURTH degree  
2 when he OR SHE commits the crime of computer tampering in the [fourth]  
3 FIFTH degree and:

4 1. he OR SHE does so with an intent to commit or attempt to commit or  
5 further the commission of any felony; or

6 2. he OR SHE has been previously convicted of any crime under this  
7 article or subdivision eleven of section 165.15 of this chapter; or

8 3. he OR SHE intentionally alters in any manner or destroys computer  
9 material; or

10 4. he OR SHE intentionally alters in any manner or destroys computer  
11 data or a computer program so as to cause damages in an aggregate amount  
12 exceeding one thousand dollars.

13 Computer tampering in the [third] FOURTH degree is a class E felony.

14 S 4. Section 156.26 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 590 of the  
15 laws of 2008, is amended to read as follows:

16 S 156.26 Computer tampering in the [second] THIRD degree.

17 A person is guilty of computer tampering in the [second] THIRD degree  
18 when he or she commits the crime of computer tampering in the [fourth]  
19 FIFTH degree and he or she intentionally alters in any manner or  
20 destroys:

21 1. computer data or a computer program so as to cause damages in an  
22 aggregate amount exceeding three thousand dollars; or

23 2. computer material that contains records of the medical history or  
24 medical treatment of an identified or readily identifiable individual or  
25 individuals and as a result of such alteration or destruction, such  
26 individual or individuals suffer serious physical injury, and he or she  
27 is aware of and consciously disregards a substantial and unjustifiable  
28 risk that such serious physical injury may occur.

29 Computer tampering in the [second] THIRD degree is a class D felony.

30 S 5. Section 156.27 of the penal law, as added by chapter 89 of the  
31 laws of 1993, is amended to read as follows:

32 S 156.27 Computer tampering in the [first] SECOND degree.

33 A person is guilty of computer tampering in the [first] SECOND degree  
34 when he OR SHE commits the crime of computer tampering in the [fourth]  
35 FIFTH degree and he OR SHE intentionally alters in any manner or  
36 destroys computer data or a computer program so as to cause damages in  
37 an aggregate amount exceeding fifty thousand dollars.

38 Computer tampering in the [first] SECOND degree is a class C felony.

39 S 6. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 156.28 to read  
40 as follows:

41 S 156.28 COMPUTER TAMPERING IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

42 A PERSON IS GUILTY OF COMPUTER TAMPERING IN THE FIRST DEGREE WHEN HE  
43 OR SHE COMMITS THE CRIME OF COMPUTER TAMPERING IN THE FIFTH DEGREE AND  
44 HE OR SHE INTENTIONALLY ALTERS IN ANY MANNER OR DESTROYS COMPUTER DATA  
45 OR A COMPUTER PROGRAM AND THEREBY CAUSES DAMAGES IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT  
46 OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS OR MORE.

47 COMPUTER TAMPERING IN THE FIRST DEGREE IS A CLASS B FELONY.

48 S 7. This act shall take effect immediately.