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Introduced by Sen. ORTT -- 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 the aggravated harassment of an employee by a patient in a state forensic psychiatric institution

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

Section 1. Section 240.32 of the penal law, as amended by section 127-p of subpart B of part C of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011 and the opening paragraph as amended by chapter 180 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

S 240.32 Aggravated harassment of an employee [by an inmate].

An inmate [or], respondent OR PATIENT is guilty of aggravated harassment of an employee [by an inmate] when, with intent to harass, annoy, threaten or alarm a person in a facility, INCLUDING A STATE FORENSIC PSYCHIATRIC INSTITUTION OPERATED AND MAINTAINED BY THE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH, whom he or she knows or reasonably should know to be an employee of such facility or the board of parole or the office of mental health, or a probation department, bureau or unit or a police officer, he or she causes or attempts to cause such employee to come into contact with blood, seminal fluid, urine, feces, or the contents of a toilet bowl, by throwing, tossing or expelling such fluid or material.

For purposes of this section, "inmate" means an inmate or detainee in a correctional facility, local correctional facility or a hospital, as such term is defined in subdivision two of section four hundred of the correction law. For purposes of this section, "respondent" means a juvenile in a secure facility operated and maintained by the office of children and family services who is placed with or committed to the office of children and family services. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "PATIENT" MEANS A PATIENT RESIDING IN A STATE FORENSIC PSYCHIATRIC INSTITUTION, REGARDLESS OF THE LENGTH OF PATIENT STAY, OPERATED AND

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

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MAINTAINED BY THE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH. For purposes of this section, "facility" means a correctional facility or local correctional facility, hospital, as such term is defined in subdivision two of section four hundred of the correction law, [or] a secure facility operated and maintained by the office of children and family services, OR A STATE FORENSIC PSYCHIATRIC INSTITUTION OPERATED AND MAINTAINED BY THE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH.

Aggravated harassment of an employee [by an inmate] is a class E felony.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.