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## IN SENATE

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AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to giving and/or receiving unlawful benefits

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

- 1 Section 1. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 200.31 to 2 read as follows:
- 3 S 200.31 GIVING UNLAWFUL BENEFITS.
- ANYONE WHO OTHERWISE THAN AS PROVIDED BY LAW FOR THE PROPER DISCHARGE OF OFFICIAL DUTY DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY GIVES, OFFERS OR PROMISES ANY BENEFIT WITH A VALUE IN EXCESS OF THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER ARTICLE FOURTEEN OF THE ELECTION LAW, TO ANY PUBLIC OFFICIAL OR PERSON SELECTED TO BE A PUBLIC OFFICIAL BECAUSE OF THAT PERSON'S OFFICIAL POSITION.
- 10 GIVING UNLAWFUL BENEFITS IS A CLASS E FELONY.
- 11 S 2. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 200.36 to read 12 as follows:
- 13 S 200.36 RECEIVING UNLAWFUL BENEFITS.
- 14 ANYONE WHO, BEING A PUBLIC OFFICIAL OR PERSON SELECTED TO BE A PUBLIC
- 15 OFFICIAL, OTHERWISE THAN AS PROVIDED BY LAW FOR THE PROPER DISCHARGE OF
- 16 OFFICIAL DUTY, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY SEEKS, RECEIVES OR AGREES TO
- 17 RECEIVE ANY BENEFIT, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER
- 18 ARTICLE FOURTEEN OF THE ELECTION LAW, WITH A VALUE IN EXCESS OF THREE
- 19 THOUSAND DOLLARS BECAUSE OF THAT PERSON'S OFFICIAL POSITION.
- 20 RECEIVING UNLAWFUL BENEFITS IS A CLASS E FELONY.
- 21 S 3. 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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