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2017-2018 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

January 12, 2017

Introduced by M. of A. MURRAY -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. GIGLIO, GRAF, HAWLEY, LAWRENCE, LUPINACCI, McDONOUGH, PALUMBO, RA, RAIA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to designating offenses against law enforcement officers as hate crimes

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivisions 1, 2 and 4 of section 485.05 of the penal law,
2 as added by chapter 107 of the laws of 2000, are amended to read as
3 follows:

4 1. A person commits a hate crime when he or she commits a specified
5 offense and either:

6 (a) intentionally selects the person against whom the offense is
7 committed or intended to be committed in whole or in substantial part
8 because of a belief or perception regarding the race, color, national
9 origin, ancestry, gender, religion, religious practice, age, disability,
10 or because of actual or perceived employment as emergency medical
11 services personnel, a firefighter or a law enforcement officer, or sexu-
12 al orientation of a person, regardless of whether the belief or percep-
13 tion is correct, or

14 (b) intentionally commits the act or acts constituting the offense in
15 whole or in substantial part because of a belief or perception regarding
16 the race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, religion, religious
17 practice, age, disability, or because of actual or perceived employment
18 as emergency medical services personnel, a firefighter or a law enforce-
19 ment officer, or sexual orientation of a person, regardless of whether
20 the belief or perception is correct.

21 2. Proof of race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, religion,
22 religious practice, age, disability, or because of actual or perceived
23 employment as emergency medical services personnel, a firefighter or a
24 law enforcement officer, or sexual orientation of the defendant, the

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

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1 victim or of both the defendant and the victim does not, by itself,
2 constitute legally sufficient evidence satisfying the people's burden
3 under paragraph (a) or (b) of subdivision one of this section.

4 4. For purposes of this section:

5 (a) the term "age" means sixty years old or more;

6 (b) the term "disability" means a physical or mental impairment that
7 substantially limits a major life activity;

8 (c) the term "emergency medical services personnel" means persons
9 trained and certified or licensed to provide emergency medical care,
10 whether on a paid or volunteer basis, as part of a basic life support or
11 advanced life support pre-hospital emergency care service or in an emer-
12 gency department or pediatric critical care or specialty unit in a
13 licensed hospital;

14 (d) the term "firefighter" means any firefighter regularly employed by
15 a fire department of any municipality of the state of New York; and

16 (e) the term "law enforcement officer" means any active or retired
17 city or state law enforcement officer, peace officer, sheriff, deputy
18 sheriff, probation or parole officer, marshal, deputy, wildlife enforce-
19 ment agency, state correctional officer, or commissioned agent of the
20 department of corrections and community supervision, as well as any
21 federal law enforcement officer or employee, whose permanent duties
22 include making arrests, performing search and seizures, execution of
23 criminal arrest warrants, execution of civil seizure warrants, any civil
24 functions performed by sheriffs or deputy sheriffs, enforcement of penal
25 or traffic laws, or the care, custody, control or supervision of
26 inmates.

27 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.