STATE OF NEW YORK

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2017-2018 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 17, 2017

Introduced by Sen. LAVALLE -- 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 prohibiting physical contact or activity in any organization's initiating ceremony

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

Section 1. The first undesignated paragraph of section 120.16 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 86 of the laws of 1988, is amended to read as follows:

A person is guilty of hazing in the first degree when, in the course of another person's initiation into or affiliation with any organization, he intentionally or recklessly engages in conduct**, including, but not limited to, making physical contact with or requiring physical activity of such other person,** which creates a substantial risk of physical injury to such other person or a third person and thereby causes such injury.

§ 2. The first undesignated paragraph of section 120.17 of the penal law, as added by chapter 86 of the laws of 1988, is amended to read as follows:

A person is guilty of hazing in the second degree when, in the course of another person's initiation or affiliation with any organization, he intentionally or recklessly engages in conduct**, including, but not limited to, making physical contact with or requiring physical activity of such other person,** which creates a substantial risk of physical injury to such other person or a third person.

§ 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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