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Introduced by Sen. SAVINO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Crime Victims, Crime and Correction

AN ACT to amend the executive law and the penal law, in relation to prohibiting sex offenders from playing augmented reality games

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 15 of section 259-c of the executive law, as
2 amended by section 38-b of subpart A of part C of chapter 62 of the laws
3 of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

4 15. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, where
5 a person is serving a sentence for an offense for which registration as
6 a sex offender is required pursuant to subdivision two or three of
7 section one hundred sixty-eight-a of the correction law, and the victim
8 of such offense was under the age of eighteen at the time of such
9 offense or such person has been designated a level three sex offender
10 pursuant to subdivision six of section one hundred sixty-eight-1 of the
11 correction law or the internet was used to facilitate the commission of
12 the crime, is released on parole or conditionally released pursuant to
13 subdivision one or two of this section, the board shall require, as
14 mandatory conditions of such release, that such sentenced offender shall
15 be prohibited from using the internet to access pornographic material,
16 access a commercial social networking website~~[7]~~ or augmented reality
17 game, communicate with other individuals or groups for the purpose of
18 promoting sexual relations with persons under the age of eighteen, and
19 communicate with a person under the age of eighteen when such offender
20 is over the age of eighteen, provided that the board may permit an
21 offender to use the internet to communicate with a person under the age
22 of eighteen when such offender is the parent of a minor child and is not
23 otherwise prohibited from communicating with such child. Nothing in this
24 subdivision shall be construed as restricting any other lawful condition

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

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1 of supervision that may be imposed on such sentenced offender. As used
2 in this subdivision, a "commercial social networking website" shall mean
3 any business, organization or other entity operating a website that
4 permits persons under eighteen years of age to be registered users for
5 the purpose of establishing personal relationships with other users,
6 where such persons under eighteen years of age may: (i) create web pages
7 or profiles that provide information about themselves where such web
8 pages or profiles are available to the public or to other users; (ii)
9 engage in direct or real time communication with other users, such as a
10 chat room or instant messenger; and (iii) communicate with persons over
11 eighteen years of age; provided, however, that, for purposes of this
12 subdivision, a commercial social networking website shall not include a
13 website that permits users to engage in such other activities as are not
14 enumerated herein. As used in this subdivision, "augmented reality
15 game" means a digital application or game, typically accessed on mobile
16 devices, including but not limited to: smartphones; tablets; or
17 augmented reality glasses; which causes users to physically move to
18 and/or personally interact with locations outside the user's place of
19 residence for the purpose of achieving goals or moving from place to
20 place within the game.

21 § 2. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 4-a of section 65.10 of the penal
22 law, as added by chapter 67 of the laws of 2008, is amended to read as
23 follows:

24 (b) When imposing a sentence of probation or conditional discharge
25 upon a person convicted of an offense for which registration as a sex
26 offender is required pursuant to subdivision two or three of section one
27 hundred sixty-eight-a of the correction law, and the victim of such
28 offense was under the age of eighteen at the time of such offense or
29 such person has been designated a level three sex offender pursuant to
30 subdivision six of section one hundred sixty-eight-1 of the correction
31 law or the internet was used to facilitate the commission of the crime,
32 the court shall require, as mandatory conditions of such sentence, that
33 such sentenced offender be prohibited from using the internet to access
34 pornographic material, access a commercial social networking website[7]
35 or augmented reality game, communicate with other individuals or groups
36 for the purpose of promoting sexual relations with persons under the age
37 of eighteen, and communicate with a person under the age of eighteen
38 when such offender is over the age of eighteen, provided that the court
39 may permit an offender to use the internet to communicate with a person
40 under the age of eighteen when such offender is the parent of a minor
41 child and is not otherwise prohibited from communicating with such
42 child. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed as restricting any
43 other lawful condition of supervision that may be imposed on such
44 sentenced offender. As used in this subdivision, a "commercial social
45 networking website" shall mean any business, organization or other enti-
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51 public or to other users; (ii) engage in direct or real time communi-
52 cation with other users, such as a chat room or instant messenger; and
53 (iii) communicate with persons over eighteen years of age; provided,
54 however, that, for purposes of this subdivision, a commercial social
55 networking website shall not include a website that permits users to
56 engage in such other activities as are not enumerated herein. As used

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6 achieving goals or moving from place to place within the game.

7 § 3. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall
8 have become a law.