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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. SIMOTAS, OTIS, JAFFEE, SIMON, DE LA ROSA,  
CARROLL, D'URSO, ROZIC, QUART, GOTTFRIED, NIOU, O'DONNELL -- Multi-  
Sponsored by -- M. of A. BRAUNSTEIN, GALEF, HEVESI -- read once and  
referred to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to intimidating a victim or  
witness

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

1 Section 1. Section 215.15 of the penal law is amended by adding a new  
2 subdivision 3 to read as follows:

3 3. With the intent to harass, annoy, threaten, alarm or intimidate  
4 such person, or cause legal harm or consequences to such person, and  
5 outside of his or her official duties, he or she reports to any federal,  
6 state or municipal agency or department:

7 (a) the citizenship or immigration status of a person who:

8 (i) has been the victim of a criminal act described in this part; or

9 (ii) who is seeking an order of protection; or

10 (b) the citizenship or immigration status of a person who is a family  
11 member of a person who has been the victim of a criminal act described  
12 in this part, or is seeking an order of protection.

13 § 2. 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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