STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

January 14, 2021

Introduced by M. of A. HAWLEY, BLANKENBUSH, SALKA -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BARCLAY, FRIEND, WALSH -- read once and referred to Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to aggravated harassment of an employee by an inmate

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

Section 1. Section 240.32 of the penal law, as amended by section 2 127-p of subpart B of part C of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, the opening paragraph as amended by chapter 180 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

§ 240.32 Aggravated harassment of an employee by an inmate.

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An inmate or respondent is guilty of aggravated harassment of an employee by an inmate when, with intent to harass, annoy, threaten or alarm a person in a facility whom he or she knows or reasonably should know to be an employee of such facility or the board of parole or the 10 office of mental health, or a probation department, bureau or unit or a 11 police officer, he or she causes or attempts to cause such employee to come into contact with blood, seminal fluid, urine, feces, or the 13 contents of a toilet bowl[+ by throwing, tossing or expelling such fluid 14 or material].

For purposes of this section, "inmate" means an inmate or detainee in 16 a correctional facility, local correctional facility or a hospital, as such term is defined in subdivision two of section four hundred of the correction law. For purposes of this section, "respondent" means a juve-19 nile in a secure facility operated and maintained by the office of chil-20 dren and family services who is placed with or committed to the office 21 of children and family services. For purposes of this section, "facility" means a correctional facility or local correctional facility, hospi-23 tal, as such term is defined in subdivision two of section four hundred

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

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 $1\,$ of the correction law, or a secure facility operated and maintained by $2\,$ the office of children and family services.

- 3 Aggravated harassment of an employee by an inmate is a class E felony.
- 4 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.