

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. HAWLEY, BYRNE, REILLY, MORINELLO, SMULLEN, SALKA  
-- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to the crime of stolen valor

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

1 Section 1. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 190.24 to  
2 read as follows:

3 § 190.24 Stolen valor.

4 A person commits the crime of stolen valor if he or she knowingly,  
5 with the intent to obtain money, property or another tangible benefit:

6 1. misrepresents himself or herself as a member or veteran of the  
7 United States Armed Forces or organized militia by wearing the uniform  
8 or any medal or insignia authorized for use by the members or veterans  
9 of the United States Armed Forces or the organized militia, by federal  
10 and state laws and regulations, or

11 2. holds himself or herself out to be a recipient of any decoration or  
12 medal created by federal and state laws and regulations to honor the  
13 members or veterans of the United States Armed Forces or the organized  
14 militia.

15 The crime of stolen valor is a class A misdemeanor.

16 § 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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