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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. BARRETT, SANTABARBARA, McDONOUGH -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to penalties for promotion of a suicide attempt

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

1 Section 1. Section 120.30 of the penal law is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 § 120.30 Promoting a suicide attempt.

4 A person is guilty of promoting a suicide attempt when:

5 (a) he or she intentionally causes or aids another person to attempt  
6 suicide; or

7 (b) he or she endangers the welfare of an incompetent, a vulnerable  
8 elderly person or a physically disabled person as set forth in section  
9 260.25, 260.32 or 260.34 of this chapter and such conduct significantly  
10 contributed to the victim's suicide attempt.

11 Promoting a suicide attempt is a class E felony.

12 § 2. Section 125.15 of the penal law is amended to read as follows:

13 § 125.15 Manslaughter in the second degree.

14 A person is guilty of manslaughter in the second degree when:

15 1. He or she recklessly causes the death of another person; or

16 [~~3-~~] 2. He or she intentionally causes or aids another person to  
17 commit suicide;

18 3. He or she endangers the welfare of an incompetent, a vulnerable  
19 elderly person, or a physically disabled person as set forth in section  
20 260.25, 260.32 or 260.34 of this chapter and such conduct significantly  
21 contributed to the victim's suicide.

22 Manslaughter in the second degree is a class C felony.

23 § 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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