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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. KAPLAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to making the falsification of COVID-19 vaccination records a crime

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 170.00 of the penal law, as
2 amended by chapter 514 of the laws of 1986, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 1. "Written instrument" means any instrument or article, including
5 computer data or a computer program, containing written or printed
6 matter or the equivalent thereof, used for the purpose of reciting,
7 embodying, conveying or recording information, or constituting a symbol
8 or evidence of value, right, privilege or identification, which is capa-
9 ble of being used to the advantage or disadvantage of some person. For
10 the purposes of this article, a card provided to a person by a vaccine
11 provider indicating the date a person received a vaccination against
12 COVID-19 as well as the type of vaccine and its lot number shall be
13 considered a written instrument.

14 § 2. Section 156.25 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 89 of the
15 laws of 1993, subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 376 of the laws of
16 1997, is amended to read as follows:

17 § 156.25 Computer tampering in the third degree.

18 A person is guilty of computer tampering in the third degree when he
19 or she commits the crime of computer tampering in the fourth degree and:

20 1. he or she does so with an intent to commit or attempt to commit or
21 further the commission of any felony; or

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

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1 2. he or she has been previously convicted of any crime under this
2 article or subdivision eleven of section 165.15 of this chapter; or

3 3. he or she intentionally alters in any manner or destroys computer
4 material; or

5 4. he or she intentionally alters in any manner or destroys computer
6 data or a computer program so as to cause damages in an aggregate amount
7 exceeding one thousand dollars; or

8 5. he or she intentionally alters in any manner or destroys computer
9 material indicating that a person did or did not receive a vaccination
10 against COVID-19.

11 Computer tampering in the third degree is a class E felony.

12 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.