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AN ACT to amend the penal law and the criminal procedure law, in  
relation to assault or aiding or encouraging assault

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 4 of section 120.10 of the penal law, as  
2 amended by chapter 791 of the laws of 1967, is amended and a new subdi-  
3 vision 5 is added to read as follows:

4 4. In the course of and in furtherance of the commission or attempted  
5 commission of a felony or of immediate flight therefrom, he or she, or  
6 another participant if there be any, causes serious physical injury to a  
7 person other than one of the participants~~[-]~~; or

8 5. Being fourteen years of age or more and with the intent to cause an  
9 unsuspecting person to be rendered unconscious, he or she strikes such  
10 person on the head, or he or she aids or encourages another participant  
11 to strike such person on the head, causing physical injury or serious  
12 physical injury to such person.

13 § 2. Section 120.07 of the penal law, as added by chapter 647 of the  
14 laws of 1996, is amended to read as follows:  
15 § 120.07 Gang assault in the first degree.

16 A person is guilty of gang assault in the first degree when~~[-]~~:  
17 1. with intent to cause serious physical injury to another person and  
18 when aided by two or more other persons actually present, he causes  
19 serious physical injury to such person or to a third person~~[-]~~; or

20 2. being fourteen years old or more and with the intent to cause an  
21 unsuspecting person to be rendered unconscious, and when aided by or  
22 encouraged by two or more other persons actually present, he or she  
23 strikes such person on the head, or he or she aids or encourages another

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

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1 participant to strike such person on the head, causing physical injury  
2 or serious physical injury to such person.

3 Gang assault in the first degree is a class B felony.

4 § 3. Subdivision 4 of section 125.20 of the penal law, as added by  
5 chapter 477 of the laws of 1990, is amended and a new subdivision 5 is  
6 added to read as follows:

7 4. Being eighteen years old or more and with intent to cause physical  
8 injury to a person less than eleven years old, the defendant recklessly  
9 engages in conduct which creates a grave risk of serious physical injury  
10 to such person and thereby causes the death of such person[~~+~~]; or

11 5. Being fourteen years of age or more and with the intent to cause an  
12 unsuspecting person to be rendered unconscious, he or she strikes such  
13 person on the head, or he or she aids or encourages another participant  
14 to strike such person on the head, causing the death of such person.

15 § 4. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 720.10 of the criminal  
16 procedure law, as amended by chapter 316 of the laws of 2006, is amended  
17 to read as follows:

18 (a) the conviction to be replaced by a youthful offender finding is  
19 for (i) a class A-I or class A-II felony, or (ii) an armed felony as  
20 defined in subdivision forty-one of section 1.20 of this chapter, except  
21 as provided in subdivision three of this section, or (iii) rape in the  
22 first degree, criminal sexual act in the first degree, or aggravated  
23 sexual abuse, except as provided in subdivision three of this section,  
24 or (iv) assault in the first degree as defined in subdivision five of  
25 section 120.10 of the penal law, or (v) gang assault in the first degree  
26 as defined in subdivision two of section 120.07 of the penal law, or  
27 (vi) manslaughter in the first degree as defined in subdivision five of  
28 section 125.20 of the penal law, or

29 § 5. Subdivision 18 of section 10.00 of the penal law, as amended by  
30 chapter 7 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as follows:

31 18. "Juvenile offender" means (1) a person thirteen years old who is  
32 criminally responsible for acts constituting murder in the second degree  
33 as defined in subdivisions one and two of section 125.25 of this chapter  
34 or such conduct as a sexually motivated felony, where authorized pursu-  
35 ant to section 130.91 of [~~the penal law~~] this chapter; and

36 (2) a person fourteen or fifteen years old who is criminally responsi-  
37 ble for acts constituting the crimes defined in subdivisions one and two  
38 of section 125.25 (murder in the second degree) and in subdivision three  
39 of such section provided that the underlying crime for the murder charge  
40 is one for which such person is criminally responsible; section 135.25  
41 (kidnapping in the first degree); 150.20 (arson in the first degree);  
42 subdivisions one [~~and~~], two and five of section 120.10 (assault in the  
43 first degree); subdivision two of section 120.07 (gang assault in the  
44 first degree); 125.20 (manslaughter in the first degree); subdivisions  
45 one and two of section 130.35 (rape in the first degree); subdivisions  
46 one and two of section 130.50 (criminal sexual act in the first degree);  
47 130.70 (aggravated sexual abuse in the first degree); 140.30 (burglary  
48 in the first degree); subdivision one of section 140.25 (burglary in the  
49 second degree); 150.15 (arson in the second degree); 160.15 (robbery in  
50 the first degree); subdivision two of section 160.10 (robbery in the  
51 second degree) of this chapter; or section 265.03 of this chapter, where  
52 such machine gun or such firearm is possessed on school grounds, as that  
53 phrase is defined in subdivision fourteen of section 220.00 of this  
54 chapter; or defined in this chapter as an attempt to commit murder in  
55 the second degree or kidnapping in the first degree, or such conduct as

1 a sexually motivated felony, where authorized pursuant to section 130.91  
2 of ~~[the penal law]~~ this chapter.

3 § 6. Section 70.05 of the penal law is amended by adding a new subdivi-  
4 sion 4 to read as follows:

5 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, where a  
6 juvenile offender is convicted of assault in the first degree as defined  
7 in subdivision five of section 120.10; gang assault in the first degree  
8 as defined in subdivision two of section 120.07; or manslaughter in the  
9 first degree as defined in subdivision five of section 125.20 of this  
10 chapter, such offender shall be sentenced pursuant to section 70.02 of  
11 this article; provided, that the provisions of this subdivision shall  
12 only apply to juvenile offenders over thirteen years old.

13 § 7. Paragraph (f) of subdivision 1 of section 70.30 of the penal law,  
14 as added by chapter 481 of the laws of 1978 and relettered by chapter 3  
15 of the laws of 1995, is amended to read as follows:

16 (f) The aggregate maximum term of consecutive sentences imposed upon a  
17 juvenile offender for two or more crimes, not including a class A felo-  
18 ny, or assault in the first degree as defined in subdivision five of  
19 section 120.10, gang assault in the first degree as defined in subdivi-  
20 sion two of section 120.07, or manslaughter in the first degree as  
21 defined in subdivision five of section 125.20 of this chapter, committed  
22 before he has reached the age of sixteen, shall, if it exceeds ten  
23 years, be deemed to be ten years. If consecutive indeterminate sentences  
24 imposed upon a juvenile offender include a sentence for the class A  
25 felony of arson in the first degree ~~[or for the class A felony of]~~,  
26 kidnapping in the first degree, assault in the first degree as defined  
27 in subdivision five of section 120.10, gang assault in the first degree  
28 as defined in subdivision two of section 120.07, or manslaughter in the  
29 first degree as defined in subdivision five of section 125.20 of this  
30 chapter, then the aggregate maximum term of such sentences shall, if it  
31 exceeds ~~[fifteen]~~ twenty-five years, be deemed to be ~~[fifteen]~~ twenty-  
32 five years. Where the aggregate maximum term of two or more consecutive  
33 sentences is reduced by a calculation made pursuant to this paragraph,  
34 the aggregate minimum period of imprisonment, if it exceeds one-half of  
35 the aggregate maximum term as so reduced, shall be deemed to be one-half  
36 of the aggregate maximum term as so reduced.

37 § 8. Paragraph (d) of subdivision 1 of section 70.30 of the penal law,  
38 as added by chapter 481 of the laws of 1978, is amended to read as  
39 follows:

40 (d) The aggregate maximum term of consecutive sentences imposed upon a  
41 juvenile offender for two or more crimes, not including a class A  
42 felony, assault in the first degree as defined in subdivision five of  
43 section 120.10; gang assault in the first degree as defined in subdivi-  
44 sion two of section 120.07; or manslaughter in the first degree as  
45 defined in subdivision five of section 125.20 of this chapter, committed  
46 before he has reached the age of sixteen, shall, if it exceeds ten  
47 years, be deemed to be ten years. If consecutive indeterminate sentences  
48 imposed upon a juvenile offender include a sentence for the class A  
49 felony of arson in the first degree ~~[or for the class A felony of]~~,  
50 kidnapping in the first degree, assault in the first degree as defined  
51 in subdivision five of section 120.10, gang assault in the first degree  
52 as defined in subdivision two of section 120.07, or manslaughter in the  
53 first degree as defined in subdivision five of section 125.20 of this  
54 chapter, then the aggregate maximum term of such sentences shall, if it  
55 exceeds ~~[fifteen]~~ twenty-five years, be deemed to be ~~[fifteen]~~ twenty-  
56 five years. Where the aggregate maximum term of two or more consecutive

1 sentences is reduced by a calculation made pursuant to this paragraph,  
2 the aggregate minimum period of imprisonment, if it exceeds one-half of  
3 the aggregate maximum term as so reduced, shall be deemed to be one-half  
4 of the aggregate maximum term as so reduced.

5 § 9. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that the amend-  
6 ments to paragraph (f) of subdivision 1 of section 70.30 of the penal  
7 law, made by section seven of this act shall be subject to the expira-  
8 tion and reversion of such paragraph pursuant to subdivision d of  
9 section 74 of chapter 3 of the laws of 1995, as amended, when upon such  
10 date the provisions of section eight of this act shall take effect.