## STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

April 8, 2021

Introduced by Sen. LANZA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to establishing the class C felony of assault of a patient in a mental health or developmental disability facility

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

Section 1. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 120.05-a 1 2 to read as follows: 3 <u>§ 120.05-a Assault of a patient in a mental health or developmental</u> 4 disability facility. 5 A person is guilty of assault of a patient in a mental health or developmental disability facility when with intent to cause physical б 7 injury to a patient residing in a facility operated, licensed or certi-8 fied by the office of mental health or the office for people with devel-9 opmental disabilities, he or she causes such injury to such person. Assault of a patient in a mental health or developmental disability 10 11 facility is a class C felony. § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeed-12 13 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.

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

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