

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

May 24, 2022

Introduced by Sen. KAVANAGH -- 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 the unlawful purchase or possession of a body vest

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 270.21 to  
2 read as follows:

3 § 270.21 Unlawful purchase or possession of a body vest.

4 A person is guilty of the unlawful purchase or possession of a body  
5 vest when he or she knowingly and unlawfully purchases or possesses a  
6 body vest, as such term is defined in subdivision two of section 270.20  
7 of this article. This section shall not apply to active law enforcement  
8 officers, firefighters, and other first responders, or those whose occu-  
9 pations require the use of body vests as determined by the department of  
10 state.

11 Unlawful purchase or possession of a body vest is a class A misdemea-  
12 nor for a first offense and a class E felony for any subsequent offense.

13 § 2. Any person currently in possession of a body vest, as such term  
14 is defined in subdivision 2 of section 270.20 of the penal law, shall  
15 have 15 days from the effective date of this act to dispose of such body  
16 vest at any local or state law enforcement agency.

17 § 3. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall  
18 have become a law.

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

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