STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 9, 2024

Introduced by Sens. GIANARIS, HOYLMAN-SIGAL -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the criminal procedure law, in relation to allowing evidence of a defendant's prior sexual offense to be admissible in a sexual assault proceeding

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

Section 1. The criminal procedure law is amended by adding a new section 60.77 to read as follows:

§ 60.77 Rules of evidence; admissibility of defendant committing another sexual offense in a sexual offense case.

1. In a criminal proceeding in which a defendant is accused of a sexual offense, the court may admit evidence that the defendant committed any other sexual offense. Such evidence may be considered on any matter to which it is relevant, including to prove that the defendant acted in conformity therewith or had a propensity to engage in similar wrongful acts.

2. The court, in its discretion, may exclude such evidence if its probative value is outweighed by the probability that its admission will create undue prejudice to the defendant.

3. For purposes of this section, "sexual offense" shall include an act committed in any jurisdiction that involves conduct proscribed by any section of article one hundred thirty of the penal law, or by section 230.34 or 230.34-a of the penal law.

§ 2. 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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