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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. PHEFFER AMATO, BERGER, BUTTENSCHON, DINOWITZ -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes -- 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 establishing the crime of unlawful use of violence or intimidation in pursuit of political aims; blocking of a public road, bridge, transportation facility or tunnel

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 270.45 to read as follows:

§ 270.45 Unlawful use of violence or intimidation in pursuit of political aims; blocking of a public road, bridge, transportation facility or tunnel.

1. A person is guilty of the crime of unlawful use of violence or intimidation in pursuit of political aims; blocking of a public road, bridge, transportation facility or tunnel when such person acts with the intent to cause the deliberate blocking of every class of a public road, bridge, transportation facility or tunnel that interferes with traffic and public safety.

2. For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Public road" shall include a street, avenue, road, alley, lane, highway, boulevard, concourse, parkway, driveway, culvert, sidewalk, crosswalk, boardwalk and viaduct, and every class of public road, square and place.

(b) "Transportation facility" means any conveyance, premises, or place used for or in connection with public passenger transportation, whether by air, railroad, motor vehicle or any other method. It includes aircraft, watercraft, railroad cars, subway cars, buses, school buses as defined in section one hundred forty-two of the vehicle and traffic law, and air, boat, subway, railroad and bus terminals and stations and all appurtenances thereto.

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

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1 Unlawful use of violence or intimidation in pursuit of political aims;
2 blocking of a public road, bridge, transportation facility or tunnel is
3 a class A misdemeanor.

4 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.