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## IN SENATE

February 17, 2023

Introduced by Sens. MURRAY, PALUMBO -- 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 criminalizing the filming  
of a violent crime

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

1 Section 1. The penal law is amended by adding three new sections  
2 235.25, 235.26 and 235.27 to read as follows:

3 § 235.25 Recording a video of the commission of a violent felony; defi-  
4 nitions of terms.

5 For the purposes of sections 235.26 and 235.27, of this article the  
6 term "violent felony" means any offense described in section 70.02 of  
7 this chapter.

8 § 235.26 Recording a video of the commission of a violent felony.

9 A person is guilty of recording a video of the commission of a violent  
10 felony when he or she:

11 1. wilfully records a video of the commission of a violent felony with  
12 intent to promote or encourage the commission of the underlying violent  
13 felony; or

14 2. conspires with another to record a video of the commission of a  
15 violent felony with intent to promote or encourage the commission of the  
16 underlying violent felony.

17 Recording a video of the commission of a violent felony is a class E  
18 felony.

19 § 235.27 Recording a video of the commission of a violent felony; limi-  
20 tations.

21 Submission of the video described in section 235.26 of this article by  
22 the person recording the video to law enforcement at the first reason-  
23 able opportunity may be considered as evidence that the person lacked  
24 the intent to promote or encourage the commission of the underlying  
25 violent felony.

26 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeed-  
27 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.

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

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