STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. MARTINS, CANZONERI-FITZPATRICK, GRIFFO, OBERACKER, WEBER -- 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 enacting the "New York state antisemitism vandalism act"

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

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "New York state antisemitism vandalism act".

§ 2. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 240.80 to read as follows:

§ 240.80 Vandalism of pro-Israel print.

A person is guilty of vandalism of pro-Israel print when he or she intentionally destroys, damages, removes, or causes to be destroyed, damaged or removed any banner, poster, flyer or billboard which is located in a public space, where the intent or purpose of such banner, poster, flyer or billboard is to bring awareness for Israeli individuals who have been victims of a crime, or to positively support the country or citizens of Israel in any way.

Vandalism of pro-Israel print is a class A misdemeanor.

§ 3. 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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