

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

February 2, 2026

Introduced by M. of A. NOVAKHOV -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to prohibiting youthful offender status for persons who commit a hate crime

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 720.10 of the
2 criminal procedure law, as amended by chapter 23 of the laws of 2024, is
3 amended to read as follows:
4 (a) the conviction to be replaced by a youthful offender finding is
5 for (i) a class A-I or class A-II felony, or (ii) an armed felony as
6 defined in subdivision forty-one of section 1.20, except as provided in
7 subdivision three, or (iii) rape in the first degree, a crime formerly
8 defined in section 130.50 of the penal law, or the crime of aggravated
9 sexual abuse, except as provided in subdivision three, or (iv) a hate
10 crime as defined in section 485.05 of the penal law, or
11 § 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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