

STATE OF NEW YORK

2254

2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

January 16, 2025

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

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to the offenses of hindering prosecution and conspiracy

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

- 1 Section 1. Section 205.55 of the penal law is amended to read as
2 follows:
3 § 205.55 Hindering prosecution in the third degree.
4 A person is guilty of hindering prosecution in the third degree when
5 ~~[he]~~ such person renders criminal assistance to a person who has commit-
6 ted a felony.
7 Hindering prosecution in the third degree is a class [~~A-misdemeanor~~] E
8 felony.
9 § 2. Section 205.60 of the penal law is amended to read as follows:
10 § 205.60 Hindering prosecution in the second degree.
11 A person is guilty of hindering prosecution in the second degree when
12 ~~[he]~~ such person renders criminal assistance to a person who has commit-
13 ted a class B or class C felony.
14 Hindering prosecution in the second degree is a class [~~E~~] D felony.
15 § 3. Section 205.65 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 398 of the
16 laws of 1970, is amended to read as follows:
17 § 205.65 Hindering prosecution in the first degree.
18 A person is guilty of hindering prosecution in the first degree when
19 ~~[he]~~ such person renders criminal assistance to a person who has commit-
20 ted a class A felony, knowing or believing that such person has engaged
21 in conduct constituting a class A felony.
22 Hindering prosecution in the first degree is a class [~~D~~] B felony.
23 § 4. Section 105.05 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 422 of the
24 laws of 1978, is amended to read as follows:
25 § 105.05 Conspiracy in the fifth degree.

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

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1 A person is guilty of conspiracy in the fifth degree when, with intent
2 that conduct constituting:

3 1. a felony be performed, [~~he~~] such person agrees with one or more
4 persons to engage in or cause the performance of such conduct; or

5 2. a crime be performed, [~~he~~] such person, being over eighteen years
6 of age, agrees with one or more persons under sixteen years of age to
7 engage in or cause the performance of such conduct.

8 Conspiracy in the fifth degree is a class [~~A misdemeanor~~] E felony.

9 § 5. The closing paragraph of section 105.10 of the penal law, as
10 amended by chapter 489 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as
11 follows:

12 Conspiracy in the fourth degree is a class [~~E~~] D felony.

13 § 6. Section 105.13 of the penal law, as added by chapter 422 of the
14 laws of 1978, is amended to read as follows:

15 § 105.13 Conspiracy in the third degree.

16 A person is guilty of conspiracy in the third degree when, with intent
17 that conduct constituting a class B or a class C felony be performed,
18 [~~he~~] such person, being over eighteen years of age, agrees with one or
19 more persons under sixteen years of age to engage in or cause the
20 performance of such conduct.

21 Conspiracy in the third degree is a class [~~D~~] C felony.

22 § 7. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
23 have become a law.