STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

March 14, 2025

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

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to establishing the crime of larceny by cyber extortion

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

Section 1. Paragraph (g) of subdivision 2 of section 155.05 of the penal law, as added by section 4 of part O of chapter 56 of the laws of 2024, is amended and a new paragraph (h) is added to read as follows:

(g) By deed theft. A person commits deed theft when such person:

(i) Intentionally alters, falsifies, forges, or misrepresents any written instrument involved in the conveyance or financing of real property, such as a residential or commercial deed or title, with the intent to deceive, defraud, or unlawfully transfer or encumber the ownership rights or a portion thereof of a residential or commercial property; or

(ii) with intent to defraud, misrepresents themselves as the owner or authorized representative of residential or commercial real property to induce others to rely on such false information in order to obtain ownership or possession of such real property; or

(iii) with intent to defraud, takes, obtains, or transfers title or ownership of real property by fraud, misrepresentation, forgery, larceny, false pretenses, false promise, or any other fraudulent or deceptive practice[~~.~~]**; or**

(h) By cyber extortion.

A person obtains property by cyber extortion when with the intent to obtain property from another person or entity located in the state of New York, such person removes or otherwise remediates the impact of a set of machine language instructions that restricts another person's or entity's access to the other person's or entity's computer, computer system, computer network, or any data therein, that is designed to modify, damage, destroy, record, or transmit information within a computer,

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

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computer system, or computer network or render inoperable or otherwise modify such person's or entity's computer, computer system, or computer network without the intent or permission of the owner of such computer, computer system, computer network, or any data contained therein, hereinafter referred to as malicious computer instructions, and the person intended to implement and did implement such malicious computer instructions, threatened to implement whether or not the person intended to implement such malicious computer instructions, or, even though such instructions were not implemented, stated that such malicious computer instructions were implemented on the person's or entity's computer.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.