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IN SENATE

March 13, 2025

Introduced by Sen. CHAN -- 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 "Barreto's law" relating to establishing the crime of vehicular manslaughter in the third degree

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

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as "Barreto's law".

§ 2. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 125.11-a to read as follows:

§ 125.11-a Vehicular manslaughter in the third degree.

A person is guilty of vehicular manslaughter in the third degree when such person causes the death of another person, and either:

(1) engages in reckless driving in violation of section twelve hundred twelve of the vehicle and traffic law,

(2) commits the crime of aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree in violation of section five hundred eleven of the vehicle and traffic law, or

(3) commits the crime of driving any motor vehicle while uninsured pursuant to section three thousand four hundred twenty of the insurance law.

Vehicular manslaughter in the third degree is a class E felony.

§ 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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