

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

March 10, 2026

Introduced by Sen. SEPULVEDA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the criminal procedure law, in relation to resentencing certain juvenile and adolescent offenders

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

- 1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and cited as the
2 "abandoned teens act."
3 § 2. The criminal procedure law is amended by adding a new section
4 722.25 to read as follows:
5 § 722.25 Resentencing; juvenile and adolescent offenders.
6 1. A person aged sixteen or seventeen convicted of a felony in crimi-
7 nal court prior to October first, two thousand eighteen shall be eligi-
8 ble for parole.
9 2. A person shall not be eligible under this section if such person
10 was convicted of an offense under article thirty of the penal law;
11 convicted of murder in the first degree pursuant to section 125.27 of
12 the penal law; or convicted of aggravated murder pursuant to section
13 125.26 of the penal law.
14 3. An eligible person shall petition the court for resentencing. Upon
15 resentencing, the court shall consider mitigating factors related to
16 youth, including immaturity, home environment, peer influence, capacity
17 for change, and evidence of rehabilitation. The court shall reduce the
18 sentence to a determinate or indeterminate term that provides a meaning-
19 ful opportunity for release.
20 4. If resentencing is denied, or while awaiting resentencing, individ-
21 uals shall be eligible for parole consideration after fifteen years of
22 incarceration. The parole board shall give great weight to youth-related
23 mitigating factors and evidence of growth and rehabilitation.
24 § 3. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall
25 have become a law.

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

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