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:

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and cited as the "abandoned teens act."

§ 2. The criminal procedure law is amended by adding a new section 722.25 to read as follows:

§ 722.25 Resentencing; juvenile and adolescent offenders.

1. A person aged sixteen or seventeen convicted of a felony in criminal court prior to October first, two thousand eighteen shall be eligible for parole.

2. A person shall not be eligible under this section if such person was convicted of an offense under article thirty of the penal law; convicted of murder in the first degree pursuant to section 125.27 of the penal law; or convicted of aggravated murder pursuant to section 125.26 of the penal law.

3. An eligible person shall petition the court for resentencing. Upon resentencing, the court shall consider mitigating factors related to youth, including immaturity, home environment, peer influence, capacity for change, and evidence of rehabilitation. The court shall reduce the sentence to a determinate or indeterminate term that provides a meaningful opportunity for release.

4. If resentencing is denied, or while awaiting resentencing, individuals shall be eligible for parole consideration after fifteen years of incarceration. The parole board shall give great weight to youth-related mitigating factors and evidence of growth and rehabilitation.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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