STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

February 2, 2026

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

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to prohibiting youthful offender status for persons who commit a hate crime

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 720.10 of the criminal procedure law, as amended by chapter 23 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

(a) the conviction to be replaced by a youthful offender finding is for (i) a class A-I or class A-II felony, or (ii) an armed felony as defined in subdivision forty-one of section 1.20, except as provided in subdivision three, or (iii) rape in the first degree, a crime formerly defined in section 130.50 of the penal law, or the crime of aggravated sexual abuse, except as provided in subdivision three, or **(iv) a hate crime as defined in section 485.05 of the penal law, or**

§ 2. 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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