STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

January 17, 2025

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

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to the crime of stolen valor

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

Section 1. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 190.24 to read as follows:

§ 190.24 Stolen valor.

A person commits the crime of stolen valor if such person knowingly, with the intent to obtain money, property or another tangible benefit:

1. misrepresents themself as a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces or organized militia by wearing the uniform or any medal or insignia authorized for use by the members or veterans of the United States Armed Forces or the organized militia, by federal and state laws and regulations, or

2. holds themself out to be a recipient of any decoration or medal created by federal and state laws and regulations to honor the members or veterans of the United States Armed Forces or the organized militia.

The crime of stolen valor is a class A misdemeanor.

§ 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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