

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. COOK, COLTON, HUNTER, STIRPE, TAYLOR, BUTTENS-  
CHON, BICHOTTE HERMELYN, DAVILA -- read once and referred to the  
Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to first degree murder of a  
child under the age of twelve

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

1 Section 1. This act may be cited and shall be known as "Maddox's Law".  
2 § 2. Subparagraph (xiii) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section  
3 125.27 of the penal law, as added by chapter 300 of the laws of 2001, is  
4 amended and a new subparagraph (xiv) is added to read as follows:  
5 (xiii) the victim was killed in furtherance of an act of terrorism, as  
6 defined in paragraph (b) of subdivision one of section 490.05 of this  
7 chapter; [~~and~~] or  
8 (xiv) the victim was a child under the age of twelve; and  
9 § 3. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeed-  
10 ing the date on which 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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