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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. COOK, COLTON, HUNTER, STIRPE, TAYLOR, BUTTENSCHON, 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 Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. This act may be cited and shall be known as "Maddox's Law".

§ 2. Subparagraph (xiii) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 125.27 of the penal law, as added by chapter 300 of the laws of 2001, is amended and a new subparagraph (xiv) is added to read as follows:

(xiii) the victim was killed in furtherance of an act of terrorism, as defined in paragraph (b) of subdivision one of section 490.05 of this chapter; [~~and~~] **or**

(xiv) the victim was a child under the age of twelve; and

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeeding 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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