

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

## IN ASSEMBLY

October 17, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. LAVINE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes -- recommitted to the Committee on Codes in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the criminal procedure law, in relation to permitting admission of spontaneous statements by victims of certain offenses who are elderly, physically disabled, incompetent or determined to be incapacitated

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

1 Section 1. The criminal procedure law is amended by adding a new  
2 section 60.51 to read as follows:

3 § 60.51 Rules of evidence; admissibility of statements of certain  
4 victims.

5 1. This section applies to any proceeding in the prosecution of an  
6 offense under article one hundred fifty-five, one hundred seventy or one  
7 hundred ninety of the penal law, if committed against a vulnerable  
8 elderly person, an incompetent or physically disabled person, or a  
9 person who has been determined to be incapacitated under article eight-  
10 y-one of the mental hygiene law.

11 2. This section applies only to statements that describe the alleged  
12 offense that were made by the vulnerable elderly, incompetent, phys-  
13 ically disabled, or incapacitated victim:

14 (a) to the first person, eighteen years of age or older, other than  
15 the defendant, to whom the victim made a statement about the offense;

16 (b) spontaneously during or immediately after the alleged criminal  
17 conduct; or

18 (c) for purposes of medical diagnosis or treatment.

19 3. A statement that meets the requirements of subdivision two of this  
20 section is not inadmissible as hearsay evidence if:

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

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1 (a) on or before the fourteenth day before the date the proceeding  
2 begins, the party intending to offer the statement:

3 (i) notifies the adverse party of its intention to do so;

4 (ii) provides the adverse party with the name of the witness through  
5 whom it intends to offer the statement; and

6 (iii) provides the adverse party with a written summary of the state-  
7 ment;

8 (b) the trial court finds, in a hearing conducted outside the presence  
9 of the jury, that the statement is reliable based on the time, content,  
10 and circumstances of the statement; and

11 (c) the vulnerable elderly, incompetent, physically disabled or inca-  
12 pacitated person testifies or is available to testify at the proceeding  
13 in court or in any other manner.

14 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.