STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 13, 2025

Introduced by Sen. FAHY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to categorizing the assault of a code enforcement official or other individual responsible for building inspection as a class D felony

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

Section 1. Subdivision 14 of section 120.05 of the penal law, as added by chapter 268 of the laws of 2016, is amended and a new subdivision 15 is added to read as follows:

14. With intent to prevent or obstruct a process server, as defined in section eighty-nine-t of the general business law, from performing a lawful duty pursuant to article three of the civil practice law and rules, or intentionally, as retaliation against such a process server for the performance of the process server's duties pursuant to such article, including by means of releasing or failing to control an animal evincing the actor's intent that the animal prevent or obstruct the lawful duty of the process server or as retaliation against the process server, [~~he or she~~] **such actor** causes physical injury to such process server[~~.~~]**; or**

15. With intent to cause physical injury, such person causes such physical injury to a code enforcement official certified pursuant to section three hundred seventy-six-a of the executive law, or any other individual whose duties include the inspection of buildings or property for compliance with the New York state uniform fire prevention and building code, the residential code of New York state, the New York property maintenance code, the multiple residence law, and/or any other state or local codes, laws, rules and/or regulations relating to building and property safety, while such code enforcement official or other individual is performing such code enforcement official's or other individual's lawful duties under such position.

§ 2. 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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