

STATE OF NEW YORK

3511

2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 28, 2025

Introduced by Sen. BORRELLO -- 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 increasing the maximum sentence of imprisonment for certain misdemeanors to one year; and to repeal certain provisions of such law relating thereto

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1-a of section 70.15 of the penal law is
2 REPEALED.

3 § 2. Subdivisions 1 and 3 of section 70.15 of the penal law, as
4 amended by section 1 of part 00 of chapter 55 of the laws of 2019, are
5 amended to read as follows:

6 1. Class A misdemeanor. A sentence of imprisonment for a class A
7 misdemeanor shall be a definite sentence. When such a sentence is
8 imposed the term shall be fixed by the court, and shall not exceed
9 [~~three hundred sixty-four days~~] one year.

10 3. Unclassified misdemeanor. A sentence of imprisonment for an unclas-
11 sified misdemeanor shall be a definite sentence. When such a sentence is
12 imposed the term shall be fixed by the court, and shall be in accordance
13 with the sentence specified in the law or ordinance that defines the
14 crime [~~but, in any event, it shall not exceed three hundred sixty-four~~
15 ~~days~~].

16 § 3. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-
17 ing the date on which it shall have become a law. Effective immediately,
18 the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation neces-
19 sary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are
20 authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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