

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 24, 2025

Introduced by Sens. SANDERS, STAVISKY -- 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 the definition of consent

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

1 Section 1. Section 10.00 of the penal law is amended by adding a new
2 subdivision 23 to read as follows:

3 23. "Consent" means a freely given, knowledgeable and informed agree-
4 ment by a person with the capacity to reason.

5 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
6 have become a law.

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

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