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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. MYRIE, SCARCELLA-SPANTON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules -- recommitted to the Committee on Codes in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to enacting the "victims protection and child sex buyer accountability act"

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

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "victims protection and child sex buyer accountability act".

§ 2. The first undesignated paragraph of section 230.05 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 368 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

A person is guilty of patronizing a person for prostitution in the second degree when, being eighteen years old or more, [~~he or she~~] **such person** patronizes a person for prostitution and the person patronized is less than [~~fifteen~~] **eighteen** years old.

§ 3. Subdivisions 1 and 2 of section 230.06 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 368 of the laws of 2015, are amended to read as follows:

1. [~~He or she~~] **Such person** patronizes a person for prostitution and the person patronized is less than eleven years old; or

2. Being eighteen years old or more, [~~he or she~~] **such person** patronizes a person for prostitution and the person patronized is less than [~~thirteen~~] **fifteen** years old.

§ 4. The first undesignated paragraph of section 230.11 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 777 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

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

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A person is guilty of aggravated patronizing a minor for prostitution in the third degree when, being twenty-one years old or more, [~~he or she~~] **such person** patronizes a person for prostitution and the person patronized is less than [~~seventeen~~] **eighteen** years old and the person guilty of patronizing engages in vaginal sexual contact, oral sexual contact, anal sexual contact, or aggravated sexual contact as those terms are defined in section 130.00 of this part, with the person patronized.

§ 5. Section 230.32 of the penal law, as added by chapter 627 of the laws of 1978, the opening paragraph and subdivisions 1 and 2 as amended by chapter 368 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

§ 230.32 Promoting prostitution in the first degree.

A person is guilty of promoting prostitution in the first degree when [~~he or she:~~

~~1. knowingly advances or profits from prostitution of a person less than thirteen years old; or~~

~~2. being twenty one years old or more, he or she~~] **such person** knowingly advances or profits from prostitution of a person less than fifteen years old.

Promoting prostitution in the first degree is a class B felony.

§ 6. The first undesignated paragraph of section 230.33 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 368 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

A person is guilty of compelling prostitution when, being eighteen years old or more, [~~he or she~~] **such person** knowingly advances prostitution by compelling a person less than eighteen years old **to engage in prostitution**, **whether** by force [~~or~~]**,** intimidation, [~~to engage in prostitution~~] **deception, manipulation, coercion, abuse of a position of power or authority, or abuse of the vulnerability or dependency of such person less than eighteen years old**.

§ 7. This act shall take effect immediately.