



Legislation Text

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Res. No. 1063

Resolution calling upon the members of the New York State Legislature to enact Assembly Bill No. 2913, introduced by Assemblyman John Ravitz, which would require judges to impose consecutive rather than concurrent sentences on convicted serial rapists.

By Council Member Golden.

Whereas, The crime of rape is a very serious offense, creating physical and emotional trauma; and

Whereas, According to an editorial in the January 6, 1999 Daily News, citing statistics from the New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault, rapists are prone to be repeat offenders; and

Whereas, Such serial rapists pose a danger to our citizens and City; and

Whereas, These serial rapists deserve the maximum incarceration for their crimes; and

Whereas, Under Penal Law Section 70.25, it is possible for an individual who has been convicted of multiple counts of rape in the first degree against more than one victim on separate occasions to receive concurrent sentences; and

Whereas, The possibility of lenient sentencing under Penal Law Section 70.25 subjects the community to sexual predators and does not provide justice for victims; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the members of the New York State Legislature to enact Assembly Bill No. 2913, introduced by Assemblyman John Ravitz, which would require judges to impose consecutive rather than concurrent sentences on convicted serial rapists.