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Senator Joseph Griffo, Chair
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SUMMARY:

GRIFFO, FARLEY, DeFRANCISCO, FLANAGAN, LARKIN, MARTINS, SAVINO, SEWARD
Amd SS592 & 592-a, Bank L; amd S160.10, Pen L
Increases the penalty for robbery of property from a bank; makes the crime a class C felony.
CRIMINAL SANCTION IMPACT.

SPONSORS MEMO:

**NEW YORK STATE SENATE
INTRODUCER'S MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT
submitted in accordance with Senate Rule VI. Sec 1**

BILL NUMBER: S3559

SPONSOR: GRIFFO

TITLE OF BILL: An act to amend the banking law and the penal law, in relation to increasing the penalty for robbery of property from a bank

PURPOSE: To increase the penalties for robbery of a banking institution.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS:

Sections 1 and 2 of the bill amend Sections 592(2) and 592-a(2) of the Banking Law, respectively, to expand the list of felony offenses for which the Superintendent of Banks may refuse to issue a license to a mortgage banker or a certificate to a mortgage broker.

Section 3 of the bill adds a new subdivision 4 to Section 160.10 of the Penal Law to expand the crime of robbery in the second degree to include property stolen from a banking institution.

EXISTING LAW: There are no separate provisions which relate to the specific crime of bank robbery.

JUSTIFICATION: Over the past decade, there has been an increase in the number of bank robberies committed throughout the State, especially crimes in which threatening notes and comments are made to bank tellers in conjunction with the robbery. Not only does this crime place employees and customers at risk, it imposes increased costs on all consumers.

One continuing problem is the apparent perception among many criminals that this is a relatively easy type of crime which is not punished as seriously as other types of crimes. By increasing the penalties for bank robbery, this legislation seeks to help address this problem. The bill would establish meaningful penalties to serve as an effective deterrent and as an appropriate level of punishment.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY: S. 2011-12: S. 4194 Passed Senate/A. 6872 Banks Committee.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The first of November next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.