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**Death Penalty Possible  
In Slaying of Hostages**

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ALBANY, Sept. 13 (AP)—  
Inmates responsible for the  
killing of hostages at the  
Attica State Prison will be  
liable to the death penalty  
under New York State Law.

New York, which limited  
capital punishment when a  
remodeled penal law went  
into effect four years ago,  
provided, however, that the  
death penalty could be im-  
posed when a "peace offi-  
cer," which includes prison  
guards, was killed while per-  
forming his duty. The death  
penalty also covers life con-  
victs who commit any kind  
of killing while in prison or  
in the course of an escape.

The New York law was  
changed earlier this year to  
extend the deterrent protec-  
tion to all employes of jails,  
penitentiaries and correc-  
tional institutions.

The legislation was signed  
by Governor Rockefeller on  
July 6 and went into effect  
Sept. 1.