

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2017-2018 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 9, 2017

Introduced by Sen. TEDISCO -- 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 creating the crime of aggravated harassment of a family member of a person in active military service

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

1 Section 1. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 240.33 to
2 read as follows:

3 § 240.33 Aggravated harassment of a family member of a person in active
4 military service.

5 1. A person is guilty of aggravated harassment of a family member of a
6 person in active military service when, with intent to harass, annoy,
7 threaten or alarm another person, he or she either:

8 (a) communicates with a person, who at the time of the communication
9 has a family member in active military service of the United States, as
10 such term is defined in section one of the military law, anonymously or
11 otherwise, by telephone, or by telegraph, mail or any other form of
12 written communication, in a manner likely to cause annoyance or alarm
13 and such communication relates to the military service of such person's
14 family member; or

15 (b) causes a communication to be initiated by mechanical or electronic
16 means or otherwise with a person, who at the time of the communication
17 has a family member in active military service of the United States, as
18 such term is defined in section one of the military law, anonymously or
19 otherwise, by telephone, or by telegraph, mail or any other form of
20 written communication, in a manner likely to cause annoyance or alarm
21 and such communication relates to the military service of such person's
22 family member.

23 2. For the purposes of this section, "family member" means the
24 husband, wife, son, daughter, father or mother of a person.

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

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1 Aggravated harassment of a family member of a person in active mili-
2 tary service is a class E felony.

3 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeed-
4 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.