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AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to dissemination of false  
information about a missing child

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-  
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 240.49 to  
2 read as follows:  
3     S 240.49 DISSEMINATION OF FALSE MISSING CHILD INFORMATION.  
4     A PERSON IS GUILTY OF DISSEMINATION OF FALSE MISSING CHILD INFORMATION  
5 WHEN, KNOWING THE INFORMATION HE OR SHE REPORTED, CONVEYED, CIRCULATED  
6 OR DISSEMINATED IS FALSE OR BASELESS, HE OR SHE STATES OR REPORTS, BY  
7 ANY MEANS, THAT A CHILD IS A MISSING CHILD AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION ONE  
8 OF SECTION EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN-E OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW.  
9     DISSEMINATION OF FALSE MISSING CHILD INFORMATION IS A CLASS E FELONY.  
10    S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeed-  
11 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.

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

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