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Introduced by M. of A. TEDISCO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to creating the crime of aggravated harassment of a public service answering point

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     S 240.33 AGGRAVATED HARASSMENT OF A PUBLIC SERVICE ANSWERING POINT.  
4     1. A PERSON IS GUILTY OF AGGRAVATED HARASSMENT OF A PUBLIC SERVICE  
5 ANSWERING POINT WHEN HE OR SHE INTENTIONALLY MAKES A TELEPHONE CALL,  
6 WHETHER OR NOT A CONVERSATION ENSUES, WITH NO PURPOSE OF LEGITIMATE  
7 COMMUNICATION.  
8     2. FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION, "PUBLIC SERVICE ANSWERING POINT"  
9 MEANS A COMMUNICATION FACILITY WHICH FIRST RECEIVES 911 CALLS FROM  
10 PERSONS WITHIN A 911 SERVICE AREA AND WHICH MAY, AS APPROPRIATE, DIRECT-  
11 LY DISPATCH THE SERVICES OF A PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCY OR EXTEND, TRANSFER,  
12 RELAY OR OTHERWISE ROUTE 911 CALLS TO THE APPROPRIATE PUBLIC SAFETY  
13 AGENCY.  
14     AGGRAVATED HARASSMENT OF A PUBLIC SERVICE ANSWERING POINT IS A CLASS E  
15 FELONY.  
16     S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeeding  
17 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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