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

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to commercial extortion

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

Section 1. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 190.87 to read as follows:

S 190.87 COMMERCIAL EXTORTION.

ANY COMPANY THAT PUBLISHES REVIEWS OF OTHER COMPANIES IN ANY MEDIUM IS GUILTY OF COMMERCIAL EXTORTION WHEN THEY KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY COMPEL OR INTRODUCE ANOTHER COMPANY TO PAY FOR THE REMOVAL OF SUCH REVIEWS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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