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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 ASSEMBLY, 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, AND AS A  
9     RESULT OF SUCH REPORT, CONVEYANCE, CIRCULATION OR DISSEMINATION, PUBLIC  
10    FUNDS WERE EXPENDED TO INVESTIGATE AND/OR LOCATE THE PURPORTED MISSING  
11    CHILD.  
12    DISSEMINATION OF FALSE MISSING CHILD INFORMATION IS A CLASS E FELONY.  
13    S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeed-  
14    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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