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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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