STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

October 22, 2018

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Richardson) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to reporting a nonemergency incident to an organization having the function of dealing with emergencies

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 240.49 to read as follows:

§ 240.49 Reporting a nonemergency incident.

A person is guilty of reporting a nonemergency incident when, knowing the information reported, conveyed or circulated to be a nonemergency situation, he or she initiates or circulates a report or warning to an official or quasi-official agency or organization having the function of dealing with emergencies involving danger to life or property of an alleged occurrence or impending occurrence of a nonemergency situation in which it is unlikely that a threat to public safety will result.

Reporting a nonemergency incident is a class B misdemeanor.

§ 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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