

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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

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 Assem-  
bly, 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 § 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 § 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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