STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

August 26, 2020

Introduced by Sen. SERRANO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to establishing the crime of disruption of an online public meeting

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 240.20-a to read as follows:

§ 240.20-a Disruption of an online public meeting.

1. A person is guilty of disruption of an online public meeting when, with intent to cause public inconvenience, annoyance or alarm, without lawful authority, and acting through a computer service, he or she disturbs any lawful assembly or meeting of persons open to the public conducted through a computer service.

2. Nothing in this section shall prevent prosecution of a person for disorderly conduct as defined in subdivision four of section 240.20 of this article or any other offense.

Disruption of an online public meeting 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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