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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by 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 emer-  
gencies

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 Reporting a nonemergency incident.

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

11 Reporting a nonemergency incident is a class B misdemeanor.

12 § 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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