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Introduced by M. of A. LENTOL, SCHIMMINGER -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. ABBATE, ARROYO, COLTON, CYMBROWITZ, ENGLEBRIGHT, GUNTHER, LAVINE, M. G. MILLER, ORTIZ, PERRY, THIELE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to establishing the crime of failing to make a required report

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 260.28 to read as follows:

§ 260.28 Failing to make a required report.

1. A person is guilty of failing to make a required report when, being the parent or caregiver of a child less than six years of age and knowing that such child:

(a) has died, he or she intentionally fails to report such death to a law enforcement official, health care practitioner or funeral director promptly under the circumstances; or

(b) is missing, he or she intentionally fails to report that such child is missing to a law enforcement official promptly under the circumstances.

2. A person shall not be prosecuted under this section if a failure to timely report was the result of physical threats or a fear that the person, the child or a third person would be physically harmed if the report was made or if, as the case may be, a law enforcement official, health care practitioner or funeral director was already aware of such occurrence.

3. For purposes of this section:

(a) "Caregiver" means a person who (i) assumes responsibility for the care of a child pursuant to a court order; or (ii) receives monetary or other valuable consideration for providing care for a child;

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 (b) "Missing" means not in the immediate care of another parent, when
2 the whereabouts of such child are unknown to the child's parent or care-
3 giver and such parent or caregiver, under the circumstances, has a
4 reasonable fear of imminent risk to the health or safety of such child.

5 Failing to make a required report is a class E felony.

6 § 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall
7 have become a law and shall apply to events occurring on or after such
8 effective date.