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IN SENATE

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

AN ACT to amend the civil rights law, in relation to reporting a none-
  mergency incident involving a member of a protected class

**The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-
bly, do enact as follows:**

 1   Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 79-n of the civil rights law, as
 2 added by chapter 227 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:
 3   2. Any person who intentionally selects a person or property for harm
 4 or causes damage to the property of another or causes physical injury or
 5 death to another **or summons a police officer or peace officer without**
 6 **reason to suspect a violation of the penal law, any other criminal**
 7 **conduct, or an imminent threat to a person or property,** in whole or in
 8 substantial part because of a belief or perception regarding the race,
 9 color, national origin, ancestry, gender, religion, religious practice,
10 age, disability or sexual orientation of a person, regardless of whether
11 the belief or perception is correct, shall be liable, in a civil action
12 or proceeding maintained by such individual or group of individuals, for
13 injunctive relief, damages, or any other appropriate relief in law or
14 equity. If it shall appear to the satisfaction of the court or justice
15 that the respondent has, in fact, violated this section, an injunction
16 may be issued by such court or justice, enjoining and restraining any
17 further violation, without requiring proof that any person has, in fact,
18 been injured or damaged thereby. **For the purposes of this subdivision, a**
19 **person lacks reason to suspect a violation of the penal law, any other**
20 **criminal conduct, or an imminent threat to a person or property where a**
21 **reasonable person would not suspect such violation, conduct, or threat.**
22   § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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