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Introduced by Sens. GALLIVAN, AKSHAR, BORRELLO, BOYLE, GRIFFO, HELMING, JORDAN, LANZA, MARTUCCI, MATTERA, OBERACKER, O'MARA, ORTT, PALUMBO, RATH, RITCHIE, SERINO, STEC, TEDISCO, WEIK -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law and the criminal procedure law, in relation to creating the crime of aggravated offering of a false accusation against a police officer

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 240.64 to read as follows:

§ 240.64 Aggravated offering of a false accusation against a police officer or peace officer.

A person is guilty of aggravated offering of a false accusation against a police officer or peace officer when, knowing the information reported to be false or baseless, he or she reports, by word or action, to a law enforcement officer or agency, the wrongdoing by a police officer or peace officer in the performance of his or her duties. Under this section, police officer and peace officer are as defined under section 1.20 of the criminal procedure law.

Aggravated offering of a false accusation against a police officer or a peace officer is a class D felony.

§ 2. Paragraphs (s) and (t) of subdivision 4 of section 510.10 of the criminal procedure law, as added by section 2 of part UU of chapter 56 of the laws of 2020, are amended and a new paragraph (u) is added to read as follows:

(s) a felony, where the defendant qualifies for sentencing on such charge as a persistent felony offender pursuant to section 70.10 of the penal law; [~~or~~]

(t) any felony or class A misdemeanor involving harm to an identifiable person or property, where such charge arose from conduct occurring

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

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while the defendant was released on his or her own recognizance or released under conditions for a separate felony or class A misdemeanor involving harm to an identifiable person or property, provided, however, that the prosecutor must show reasonable cause to believe that the defendant committed the instant crime and any underlying crime. For the purposes of this subparagraph, any of the underlying crimes need not be a qualifying offense as defined in this subdivision[~~.~~]; or

(u) aggravated offering of a false accusation against a police officer or peace officer as defined in section 240.64 of the penal law.

§ 3. Subparagraphs (xix) and (xx) of paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 530.20 of the criminal procedure law, as amended by section 3 of part UU of chapter 56 of the laws of 2020, are amended and a new subparagraph (xxi) is added to read as follows:

(xix) a felony, where the defendant qualifies for sentencing on such charge as a persistent felony offender pursuant to section 70.10 of the penal law; [~~or~~]

(xx) any felony or class A misdemeanor involving harm to an identifiable person or property, where such charge arose from conduct occurring while the defendant was released on his or her own recognizance or released under conditions for a separate felony or class A misdemeanor involving harm to an identifiable person or property, provided, however, that the prosecutor must show reasonable cause to believe that the defendant committed the instant crime and any underlying crime. For the purposes of this subparagraph, any of the underlying crimes need not be a qualifying offense as defined in this subdivision[~~.~~]; or

(xxi) aggravated offering of a false accusation against a police officer or peace officer as defined in section 240.64 of the penal law.

§ 4. Paragraphs (s) and (t) of subdivision 4 of section 530.40 of the criminal procedure law, as added by section 4 of part UU of chapter 56 of the laws of 2020, are amended and a new paragraph (u) is added to read as follows:

(s) a felony, where the defendant qualifies for sentencing on such charge as a persistent felony offender pursuant to section 70.10 of the penal law; [~~or~~]

(t) any felony or class A misdemeanor involving harm to an identifiable person or property, where such charge arose from conduct occurring while the defendant was released on his or her own recognizance or released under conditions for a separate felony or class A misdemeanor involving harm to an identifiable person or property, provided, however, that the prosecutor must show reasonable cause to believe that the defendant committed the instant crime and any underlying crime. For the purposes of this subparagraph, any of the underlying crimes need not be a qualifying offense as defined in this subdivision[~~.~~]; or

(u) aggravated offering of a false accusation against a police officer or peace officer as defined in section 240.64 of the penal law.

§ 5. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law.