

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. BRAUNSTEIN -- read once and referred to the  
Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to a threat to share an intimate image

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- 1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 245.15 of the penal law, as  
2 amended by chapter 513 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as  
3 follows:
- 4 1. A person is guilty of unlawful dissemination or publication of an  
5 intimate image when:
- 6 (a) with intent to cause harm to the emotional, financial or physical  
7 welfare of another person, they intentionally disseminate or publish a  
8 still or video image or threaten to disseminate or publish a still or  
9 video image depicting such other person, with one or more intimate parts  
10 exposed or engaging in sexual conduct with another person, including  
11 [~~an~~] a still or video image created or altered by digitization, where  
12 such person may reasonably be identified from the still or video image  
13 itself or from information displayed in connection with the still or  
14 video image; and
- 15 (b) the actor knew or reasonably should have known that the person  
16 depicted did not consent to such dissemination or publication, including  
17 the dissemination or publication of [~~an~~] a still or video image taken  
18 with the consent of the person depicted when such person had a reasonable  
19 expectation that the still or video image would remain private,  
20 regardless of whether the actor was present when such still or video  
21 image was taken.
- 22 § 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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