STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 3, 2025

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

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to the crime of falsely accusing someone of a crime

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 240.49 to read as follows:

§ 240.49 Falsely accusing someone of a crime.

A person is guilty of falsely accusing someone of a crime when such person signs and submits an accusatory instrument with a member of law enforcement and does so knowing the content of the accusatory instrument is false.

Falsely accusing someone of a crime is a class E felony.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

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

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