STATE OF NEW YORK

2239

2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

January 15, 2025

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

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to including contacts via text, private message, direct message, email or other electronic communication in the definition of the offense of aggravated harassment in the second degree

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

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 240.30 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 188 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as follows:

2. With intent to harass or threaten another person, [~~he or she~~] **such person** makes a telephone call, **or contacts via text, private message, direct message, email or other electronic communication,** whether or not a conversation ensues, with no purpose of legitimate communication; or

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeeding the date upon which it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

LBD04009-01-5