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IN ASSEMBLY

March 20, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. BICHOTTE HERMELYN, MEEKS, ZINERMAN, JACKSON, SIMON, GIBBS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to establishing "Jeremiah's Law" relating to establishing the offense of filing a false report concerning a minor

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

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as "Jeremiah's Law".

§ 2. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 240.49 to read as follows:

§ 240.49 Filing a false report concerning a minor.

A person is guilty of filing a false report concerning a minor when such person falsely reports an incident in the third degree as described in section 240.50 of this article and the individual who is the accused subject of the report is a child under the age of thirteen years.

Filing a false report concerning a minor is a class E felony.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeeding the date upon 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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