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Amendment

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Offered by:
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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE FORFEITURE OF MONEY AND PROPERTY RELATED TO CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND THE POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2010*) (a) A person is guilty of
4 failure to report a crime against a child when such person (1) witnesses
5 what the person knows or reasonably should know is the murder,
6 sexual assault or assault of a child by another person, or the attempt
7 thereof, (2) knows or reasonably should know that the child is under
8 sixteen years of age, and (3) does not, as soon as reasonably
9 practicable, report that crime to a law enforcement official.

10 (b) In any prosecution for an offense under this section, it shall be an
11 affirmative defense that the defendant did not, as soon as reasonably
12 practicable, report the crime because the defendant reasonably
13 believed that (1) doing so would have exposed the defendant or

14 another person to a substantial risk of physical injury, or (2) another
15 person had already reported the crime to a law enforcement official, or
16 (3) another person was already providing effective assistance.

17 (c) Failure to report a crime against a child is a class A
18 misdemeanor."