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AN ACT to amend the criminal procedure law, in relation to time limits for a speedy trial

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

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as "Kalief's law".
2 § 2. Section 30.30 of the criminal procedure law, as added by chapter
3 184 of the laws of 1972, paragraph (a) of subdivision 3 as amended by
4 chapter 93 of the laws of 2006, paragraph (a) of subdivision 4 as
5 amended by chapter 558 of the laws of 1982, paragraph (c) of subdivision
6 4 as amended by chapter 631 of the laws of 1996, paragraph (h) of subdi-
7 vision 4 as added by chapter 837 of the laws of 1986, paragraph (i) of
8 subdivision 4 as added by chapter 446 of the laws of 1993, paragraph (j)
9 of subdivision 4 as added by chapter 222 of the laws of 1994, paragraph
10 (b) of subdivision 5 as amended by chapter 109 of the laws of 1982,
11 paragraphs (e) and (f) of subdivision 5 as added by chapter 209 of the
12 laws of 1990, is amended to read as follows:
13 § 30.30 Speedy trial; time limitations.
14 1. Except as otherwise provided in subdivision [~~three~~] four, a motion
15 made pursuant to paragraph (e) of subdivision one of section 170.30 or
16 paragraph (g) of subdivision one of section 210.20 must be granted where
17 the people are not ready for trial within:
18 (a) six months of the commencement of a criminal action wherein a
19 defendant is accused of one or more offenses, at least one of which is a
20 felony;
21 (b) ninety days of the commencement of a criminal action wherein a
22 defendant is accused of one or more offenses, at least one of which is a
23 misdemeanor punishable by a sentence of imprisonment of more than three
24 months and none of which is a felony;

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

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1 (c) sixty days of the commencement of a criminal action wherein the
2 defendant is accused of one or more offenses, at least one of which is a
3 misdemeanor punishable by a sentence of imprisonment of not more than
4 three months and none of which is a crime punishable by a sentence of
5 imprisonment of more than three months;

6 (d) thirty days of the commencement of a criminal action wherein the
7 defendant is accused of one or more offenses, at least one of which is a
8 violation and none of which is a crime.

9 2. Except as provided in subdivision [~~three~~] four, where a defendant
10 has been committed to the custody of the sheriff in a criminal action he
11 must be released on bail or on his own recognizance, upon such condi-
12 tions as may be just and reasonable, if the people are not ready for
13 trial in that criminal action within:

14 (a) ninety days from the commencement of his commitment to the custody
15 of the sheriff in a criminal action wherein the defendant is accused of
16 one or more offenses, at least one of which is a felony;

17 (b) thirty days from the commencement of his commitment to the custody
18 of the sheriff in a criminal action wherein the defendant is accused of
19 one or more offenses, at least one of which is a misdemeanor punishable
20 by a sentence of imprisonment of more than three months and none of
21 which is a felony;

22 (c) fifteen days from the commencement of his commitment to the custo-
23 dy of the sheriff in a criminal action wherein the defendant is accused
24 of one or more offenses, at least one of which is a misdemeanor punisha-
25 ble by a sentence of imprisonment of not more than three months and none
26 of which is a crime punishable by a sentence of imprisonment of more
27 than three months;

28 (d) five days from the commencement of his commitment to the custody
29 of the sheriff in a criminal action wherein the defendant is accused of
30 one or more offenses, at least one of which is a violation and none of
31 which is a crime.

32 3. Whenever pursuant to this section a prosecutor states or otherwise
33 provides notice that the people are ready for trial, the court may make
34 inquiry on the record as to their actual readiness. If, after conducting
35 its inquiry, the court determines that the people are not ready to
36 proceed to trial, the prosecutor's statement or notice of readiness
37 shall not be valid for purposes of this section. Following a demand to
38 produce by a defendant pursuant to section 240.20, any statement of
39 trial readiness must be accompanied or preceded by a certification of
40 good faith compliance with the disclosure requirements of section
41 240.20. This subdivision shall not apply to cases where the defense has
42 waived disclosure requirements.

43 4. (a) Subdivisions one and two do not apply to a criminal action
44 wherein the defendant is accused of an offense defined in sections
45 125.10, 125.15, 125.20, 125.25, 125.26 and 125.27 of the penal law.

46 (b) A motion made pursuant to subdivisions one or two upon expiration
47 of the specified period may be denied where the people are not ready for
48 trial if the people were ready for trial prior to the expiration of the
49 specified period and their present unreadiness is due to some excep-
50 tional fact or circumstance, including, but not limited to, the sudden
51 unavailability of evidence material to the people's case, when the
52 district attorney has exercised due diligence to obtain such evidence
53 and there are reasonable grounds to believe that such evidence will
54 become available in a reasonable period.

55 (c) A motion made pursuant to subdivision two shall not:

1 (i) apply to any defendant who is serving a term of imprisonment for
2 another offense;

3 (ii) require the release from custody of any defendant who is also
4 being held in custody pending trial of another criminal charge as to
5 which the applicable period has not yet elapsed;

6 (iii) prevent the redetention of or otherwise apply to any defendant
7 who, after being released from custody pursuant to this section or
8 otherwise, is charged with another crime or violates the conditions on
9 which he has been released, by failing to appear at a judicial proceed-
10 ing at which his presence is required or otherwise.

11 ~~[4-]~~ 5. In computing the time within which the people must be ready
12 for trial pursuant to subdivisions one and two, the following periods
13 must be excluded:

14 (a) a reasonable period of delay resulting from other proceedings
15 concerning the defendant, including but not limited to: proceedings for
16 the determination of competency and the period during which defendant is
17 incompetent to stand trial; demand to produce; request for a bill of
18 particulars; pre-trial motions; appeals; trial of other charges; and the
19 period during which such matters are under consideration by the court;
20 or

21 (b) the period of delay resulting from a continuance granted by the
22 court at the request of, or with the consent of, the defendant or his
23 counsel. The court ~~[must]~~ may grant such a continuance only if it is
24 satisfied that postponement is in the interest of justice, taking into
25 account the public interest in the prompt dispositions of criminal
26 charges. A defendant without counsel must not be deemed to have
27 consented to a continuance unless he has been advised by the court of
28 his rights under these rules and the effect of his consent, which must
29 be done on the record in open court; or

30 (c) (i) the period of delay resulting from the absence or unavailabil-
31 ity of the defendant. A defendant must be considered absent whenever his
32 location is unknown and he is attempting to avoid apprehension or prose-
33 cution, or his location cannot be determined by due diligence. A defend-
34 ant must be considered unavailable whenever his location is known but
35 his presence for trial cannot be obtained by due diligence; or

36 (ii) where the defendant has either escaped from custody or has failed
37 to appear when required after having previously been released on bail or
38 on his own recognizance, and provided the defendant is not in custody on
39 another matter, the period extending from the day the court issues a
40 bench warrant pursuant to section 530.70 because of the defendant's
41 failure to appear in court when required, to the day the defendant
42 subsequently appears in the court pursuant to a bench warrant or volun-
43 tarily or otherwise; or

44 (d) a reasonable period of delay when the defendant is joined for
45 trial with a co-defendant as to whom the time for trial pursuant to this
46 section has not run and good cause is not shown for granting a sever-
47 ance; or

48 (e) the period of delay resulting from detention of the defendant in
49 another jurisdiction provided the district attorney is aware of such
50 detention and has been diligent and has made reasonable efforts to
51 obtain the presence of the defendant for trial; or

52 (f) the period during which the defendant is without counsel through
53 no fault of the court; except when the defendant is proceeding as his
54 own attorney with the permission of the court; or

55 (g) other periods of delay occasioned by exceptional circumstances,
56 including but not limited to, the period of delay resulting from a

1 continuance granted at the request of a district attorney if (i) the
2 continuance is granted because of the unavailability of evidence materi-
3 al to the people's case, when the district attorney has exercised due
4 diligence to obtain such evidence and there are reasonable grounds to
5 believe that such evidence will become available in a reasonable period;
6 or (ii) the continuance is granted to allow the district attorney addi-
7 tional time to prepare the people's case and additional time is justi-
8 fied by the exceptional circumstances of the case. Any such exclusion

9 when a statement of unreadiness has followed a statement of readiness
10 made by the people must be accompanied by supporting facts and approved
11 by the court. The court shall inquire on the record as to the reasons
12 for the people's unreadiness; or

13 (h) the period during which an action has been adjourned in contem-
14 plation of dismissal pursuant to sections 170.55, 170.56 and 215.10 of
15 this chapter[~~+~~]; or

16 (i) [~~The~~] the period prior to the defendant's actual appearance for
17 arraignment in a situation in which the defendant has been directed to
18 appear by the district attorney pursuant to subdivision three of section
19 120.20 or subdivision three of section 210.10[~~+~~]; or

20 (j) the period during which a family offense is before a family court
21 until such time as an accusatory instrument or indictment is filed
22 against the defendant alleging a crime constituting a family offense, as
23 such term is defined in section 530.11 of this chapter[~~+~~]; or

24 (k) at each court appearance date preceding the commencement of trial
25 in a criminal action, the court, whenever it is practicable to do so,
26 shall rule on whether the adjournment period immediately following such
27 court appearance date is to be included or excluded for the purposes of
28 computing the time within which the people must be ready for trial with-
29 in the meaning of this section. The court's ruling shall be noted in the
30 court file; or

31 (l) in computing the time within which the people must be ready for
32 trial, pursuant to subdivision two of this section, no time attributable
33 to court congestion shall be excluded.

34 [~~5-~~] 6. For purposes of this section, (a) where the defendant is to be
35 tried following the withdrawal of the plea of guilty or is to be retried
36 following a mistrial, an order for a new trial or an appeal or collat-
37 eral attack, the criminal action and the commitment to the custody of
38 the sheriff, if any, must be deemed to have commenced on the date the
39 withdrawal of the plea of guilty or the date the order occasioning a
40 retrial becomes final;

41 (b) where a defendant has been served with an appearance ticket, the
42 criminal action must be deemed to have commenced on the date the defend-
43 ant first appears in a local criminal court in response to the ticket;

44 (c) where a criminal action is commenced by the filing of a felony
45 complaint, and thereafter, in the course of the same criminal action
46 either the felony complaint is replaced with or converted to an informa-
47 tion, prosecutor's information or misdemeanor complaint pursuant to
48 article [~~180~~] one hundred eighty or a prosecutor's information is filed
49 pursuant to section 190.70, the period applicable for the purposes of
50 subdivision one must be the period applicable to the charges in the new
51 accusatory instrument, calculated from the date of the filing of such
52 new accusatory instrument; provided, however, that when the aggregate of
53 such period and the period of time, excluding the periods provided in
54 subdivision [~~four~~] five, already elapsed from the date of the filing of
55 the felony complaint to the date of the filing of the new accusatory
56 instrument exceeds six months, the period applicable to the charges in

1 the felony complaint must remain applicable and continue as if the new
2 accusatory instrument had not been filed;

3 (d) where a criminal action is commenced by the filing of a felony
4 complaint, and thereafter, in the course of the same criminal action
5 either the felony complaint is replaced with or converted to an informa-
6 tion, prosecutor's information or misdemeanor complaint pursuant to
7 article ~~[180]~~ one hundred eighty or a prosecutor's information is filed
8 pursuant to section 190.70, the period applicable for the purposes of
9 subdivision two must be the period applicable to the charges in the new
10 accusatory instrument, calculated from the date of the filing of such
11 new accusatory instrument; provided, however, that when the aggregate of
12 such period and the period of time, excluding the periods provided in
13 subdivision ~~[four]~~ five, already elapsed from the date of the filing of
14 the felony complaint to the date of the filing of the new accusatory
15 instrument exceeds ninety days, the period applicable to the charges in
16 the felony complaint must remain applicable and continue as if the new
17 accusatory instrument had not been filed.

18 (e) where a count of an indictment is reduced to charge only a misde-
19 meanor or petty offense and a reduced indictment or a prosecutor's
20 information is filed pursuant to subdivisions one-a and six of section
21 210.20, the period applicable for the purposes of subdivision one of
22 this section must be the period applicable to the charges in the new
23 accusatory instrument, calculated from the date of the filing of such
24 new accusatory instrument; provided, however, that when the aggregate of
25 such period and the period of time, excluding the periods provided in
26 subdivision ~~[four]~~ five of this section, already elapsed from the date
27 of the filing of the indictment to the date of the filing of the new
28 accusatory instrument exceeds six months, the period applicable to the
29 charges in the indictment must remain applicable and continue as if the
30 new accusatory instrument had not been filed;

31 (f) where a count of an indictment is reduced to charge only a misde-
32 meanor or petty offense and a reduced indictment or a prosecutor's
33 information is filed pursuant to subdivisions one-a and six of section
34 210.20, the period applicable for the purposes of subdivision two of
35 this section must be the period applicable to the charges in the new
36 accusatory instrument, calculated from the date of the filing of such
37 new accusatory instrument; provided, however, that when the aggregate of
38 such period and the period of time, excluding the periods provided in
39 subdivision ~~[four]~~ five of this section, already elapsed from the date
40 of the filing of the indictment to the date of the filing of the new
41 accusatory instrument exceeds ninety days, the period applicable to the
42 charges in the indictment must remain applicable and continue as if the
43 new accusatory instrument had not been filed.

44 ~~[6.]~~ 7. The procedural rules prescribed in subdivisions one through
45 seven of section 210.45 with respect to a motion to dismiss an indict-
46 ment are also applicable to a motion made pursuant to subdivision two.

47 § 3. Subdivision 6 of section 180.85 of the criminal procedure law, as
48 added by chapter 518 of the laws of 2004, is amended to read as follows:

49 6. The period from the filing of a motion pursuant to this section
50 until entry of an order disposing of such motion shall not, by reason of
51 such motion, be considered a period of delay for purposes of subdivision
52 ~~[four]~~ five of section 30.30, nor shall such period, by reason of such
53 motion, be excluded in computing the time within which the people must
54 be ready for trial pursuant to such section 30.30.

55 § 4. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall
56 have become a law.