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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. LAVINE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the criminal procedure law, in relation to protective orders for juries

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1-a of section 270.15 of the criminal procedure law, as amended by a chapter of the laws of 2024 amending the criminal procedure law relating to protective orders for juries, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 6239 and A. 7495, is amended to read as follows:

1-a. The court may [~~for~~]**, upon a finding that there is** good cause [~~shown~~] **to believe that a threat to the safety or integrity of the jury exists**, upon motion of either party or any affected person or upon its own initiative, issue a protective order for a stated period regulating disclosure of the names and the business or residential address of any prospective or sworn juror to any person or persons, other than to counsel for either party. In determining whether good cause exists, the court may consider:

(a) whether the defendant or persons acting on behalf of the defendant have bribed, tampered with, or caused or attempted to cause physical injury to or harassed a juror or prospective juror in another criminal action or proceeding or in the instant criminal action or proceeding;

(b) the seriousness of the charges against the defendant, including whether the defendant is charged with participating in a large-scale criminal enterprise; and

(c) the extent of pretrial publicity concerning the criminal action or proceeding.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2024 amending the criminal procedure law relating to protective orders for juries, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 6239 and A. 7495, takes effect.

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

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