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AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to providing information on victim and witness assistance programs to crime victims

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 625-a of the executive law, as amended by section 15 of part A-1 of a chapter of the laws of 2010, amending the executive law and other laws relating to the office of victim services, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 6606-B and A. 9706-C, is amended to read as follows:

1. Every police station, precinct house, GENERAL HOSPITAL ESTABLISHED UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE WHICH MAINTAINS FACILITIES FOR PROVIDING OUT-PATIENT EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER, HOMELESS SHELTER, any appropriate location where a crime may, OR MUST UNDER THE OFFICE'S RULES AND REGULATIONS, be reported and any location required by the rules and regulations of the office shall have available informative booklets, pamphlets and other pertinent written information, including information cards, to be supplied by the office, relating to the avail-

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

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ability of crime victims compensation including all necessary application blanks required to be filed with the office and shall display prominently posters giving notification of the existence and general provisions of this article, those provisions of the penal law that prohibit the intimidation of crime victims and the location of the nearest crime victim service program. The office may issue guidelines for the location of such display and shall provide posters, application forms, information cards and general information. Every victim who reports a crime in any manner whatsoever shall be given notice about the rights of crime victims and the existence of all relevant local victim's assistance programs and services THAT ARE FUNDED BY THE OFFICE AND PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THAT ARE LICENSED AND APPROVED BY THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, RAPE CRISIS CENTERS, ELDERLY VICTIM PROJECTS, VICTIM ASSISTANCE HOTLINES AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS AND PROGRAMS pursuant to section six hundred twenty-five-b of this article, and supplied by the person receiving the report with information, application blanks, and information cards which shall clearly state: (a) that crime victims may be eligible for state compensation benefits; (b) the address and phone number of the office; (c) that police and district attorneys can help protect victims against harassment and intimidation; (d) the addresses and phone numbers of local victim service programs FUNDED BY THE OFFICE AND SUCH PROGRAMS LICENSED AND APPROVED BY THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, where appropriate, or space for inserting that information AND A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY SUCH PROGRAMS; or (e) any other information the office deems appropriate. Such cards shall be designed by the office in consultation with local police, and shall be printed and distributed by the office. The office shall develop a system for distributing a sufficient supply of the information cards referred to in this subdivision, to all the appropriate designated locations, which shall include a schedule for meeting that requirement.

S 2. Subdivision 1 of section 625-b of the executive law, as amended by section 16 of part A-1 of a chapter of the laws of 2010, amending the executive law and other laws relating to the office of victim services, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 6606-B and A. 9706-C, is amended to read as follows:

1. The commissioner of the division of criminal justice services in cooperation with the office shall develop and implement a standardized procedure to be used by police officers, county sheriffs' departments [and], GENERAL HOSPITALS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE WHICH MAINTAIN FACILITIES FOR PROVIDING OUT-PATIENT EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS, HOMELESS SHELTERS AND state police officers whereby victims of crime are notified about the rights of crime victims and the existence of programs FUNDED BY THE OFFICE AND PROGRAMS LICENSED AND APPROVED BY THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES designed to assist crime victims.

S 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after a chapter of the laws of 2010, amending the executive law and other laws relating to the office of victim services, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 6606-B and A. 9706-C, takes effect.