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IN SENATE -- Introduced by Sen. STAVISKY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes

IN ASSEMBLY -- Introduced by M. of A. DenDEKKER, LANCMAN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the criminal procedure law, in relation to providing defendants the ability to call any telephone number located in the United States, its territories and outlying areas for the purpose of obtaining counsel and informing a relative or friend that they have been charged with a crime

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

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 3 of section 170.10 of the criminal procedure law is amended to read as follows:

(b) To communicate, free of charge, by letter or by telephone TO A PHONE NUMBER LOCATED IN THE UNITED STATES, ITS TERRITORIES AND OUTLYING AREAS, for the purposes of obtaining counsel and informing a relative or friend that he has been charged with an offense; and

S 2. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 3 of section 180.10 of the criminal procedure law is amended to read as follows:

(b) To communicate, free of charge, by letter or by telephone TO A PHONE NUMBER LOCATED IN THE UNITED STATES, ITS TERRITORIES AND OUTLYING AREAS, for the purpose of obtaining counsel and informing a relative or friend that he has been charged with an offense; and

S 3. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 of section 210.15 of the criminal procedure law is amended to read as follows:

(b) To communicate, free of charge, by letter or by telephone TO A PHONE NUMBER LOCATED IN THE UNITED STATES, ITS TERRITORIES AND OUTLYING AREAS, for the purposes of obtaining counsel and informing a relative or friend that he has been charged with an offense; and

S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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