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AN ACT to amend the executive law and the judiciary law, in relation to  
undisposed cases

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

1     Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 845-c  
2     to read as follows:

3     S 845-C. CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD SEARCHES; UNDISPOSED CASES. 1. WHEN,  
4     PURSUANT TO STATUTE OR THE REGULATIONS OF THE DIVISION, THE DIVISION  
5     CONDUCTS A SEARCH OF ITS CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS AND RETURNS A REPORT  
6     THEREON, ALL REFERENCES TO UNDISPOSED CASES CONTAINED IN SUCH CRIMINAL  
7     HISTORY RECORD SHALL BE EXCLUDED FROM SUCH REPORT.

8     2. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "UNDISPOSED CASE" SHALL MEAN A CRIMI-  
9     NAL ACTION OR PROCEEDING, OR AN ARREST INCIDENT, IDENTIFIED IN THE DIVI-  
10    SION'S CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS FOR WHICH NO CONVICTION, IMPOSITION OF  
11    SENTENCE, ORDER OF REMOVAL OR OTHER FINAL DISPOSITION, OTHER THAN THE  
12    ISSUANCE OF AN APPARENTLY UNEXECUTED WARRANT, HAS BEEN RECORDED AND WITH  
13    RESPECT TO WHICH NO ENTRY HAS BEEN MADE IN THE DIVISION'S CRIMINAL  
14    HISTORY RECORDS FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS PRECEDING  
15    THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH REPORT.

16    3. THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY  
17    TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION (A) PROVIDED BY THE DIVISION TO  
18    QUALIFIED AGENCIES PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION SIX OF SECTION EIGHT HUNDRED  
19    THIRTY-SEVEN OF THIS ARTICLE, OR TO FEDERAL OR STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT  
20    AGENCIES, FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE PURPOSES; (B) PREPARED SOLELY FOR A BONA  
21    FIDE RESEARCH PURPOSE; OR (C) PREPARED FOR THE INTERNAL RECORD KEEPING  
22    OR CASE MANAGEMENT PURPOSES OF THE DIVISION.

23    4. NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE DEEMED TO PERMIT OR  
24    REQUIRE THE RELEASE, DISCLOSURE OR OTHER DISSEMINATION BY THE DIVISION

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

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1 OF CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION THAT HAS BEEN SEALED IN ACCORD-  
2 ANCE WITH LAW.

3 S 2. Subdivision 2 of section 212 of the judiciary law is amended by  
4 adding a new paragraph (s) to read as follows:

5 (S) TAKE SUCH ACTIONS AND ADOPT SUCH MEASURES AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO  
6 ENSURE THAT NO WRITTEN OR ELECTRONIC REPORT OF A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD  
7 SEARCH CONDUCTED BY THE OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION, OTHER THAN A  
8 SEARCH CONDUCTED SOLELY FOR THE INTERNAL RECORDKEEPING OR CASE MANAGE-  
9 MENT PURPOSES OF THE JUDICIARY OR FOR A BONA FIDE RESEARCH PURPOSE,  
10 CONTAINS INFORMATION RELATING TO AN UNDISPOSED CASE. FOR PURPOSES OF  
11 THIS PARAGRAPH, "UNDISPOSED CASE" SHALL MEAN A CRIMINAL ACTION OR  
12 PROCEEDING, OR AN ARREST INCIDENT, APPEARING IN THE CRIMINAL HISTORY  
13 RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION FOR WHICH NO CONVICTION,  
14 IMPOSITION OF SENTENCE, ORDER OF REMOVAL OR OTHER FINAL DISPOSITION,  
15 OTHER THAN THE ISSUANCE OF AN APPARENTLY UNEXECUTED WARRANT, HAS BEEN  
16 RECORDED AND WITH RESPECT TO WHICH NO ENTRY HAS BEEN MADE IN SUCH  
17 RECORDS FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS PRECEDING THE ISSU-  
18 ANCE OF SUCH REPORT. NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE DEEMED  
19 TO PERMIT OR REQUIRE THE RELEASE, DISCLOSURE OR OTHER DISSEMINATION BY  
20 THE OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMA-  
21 TION THAT HAS BEEN SEALED IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.

22 S 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
23 it shall have become a law and shall apply to searches of criminal  
24 history records conducted on or after such date; provided, however, that  
25 prior to such effective date, the division of criminal justice services,  
26 in consultation with the state administrator of the unified court system  
27 as well as any other public or private agency, shall undertake such  
28 measures as may be necessary and appropriate to update its criminal  
29 history records with respect to criminal cases and arrest incidents for  
30 which no final disposition has been reported.