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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. PADAVAN, SKELOS, ALESI, BONACIC, DeFRANCISCO, FARLEY, FLANAGAN, FUSCHILLO, GOLDEN, GRIFFO, HANNON, O. JOHNSON, LANZA, LARKIN, LAVALLE, LEIBELL, LIBOUS, LITTLE, MARCELLINO, MAZIARZ, McDONALD, MORAHAN, NOZZOLIO, RANZENHOFER, ROBACH, SALAND, SEWARD, VOLKER, WINNER, YOUNG -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to inquiries about certain sealed convictions; and to repeal section 160.58 of the criminal procedure law relating to conditional sealing of certain controlled substances, marihuana or specified offense convictions

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

1 Section 1. Section 160.58 of the criminal procedure law is REPEALED.

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- S 2. Subdivision 16 of section 296 of the executive law, as separately amended by section 3 of part N and section 14 of part AAA of chapter 56 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:
- 4 16. It shall be an unlawful discriminatory practice, 5 unless specif-6 ically required or permitted by statute, for any person, agency, bureau, 7 corporation or association, including the state and any political subdi-8 vision thereof, to make any inquiry about, whether in any form of application or otherwise, or to act upon adversely to the individual 9 10 involved, any arrest or criminal accusation of such individual not then 11 pending against that individual which was followed by a termination of that criminal action or proceeding in favor of such individual, as defined in subdivision two of section 160.50 of the criminal procedure 12 13 law, or by a youthful offender adjudication, as defined in subdivision 14 one of section 720.35 of the criminal procedure law, or by a conviction 15 for a violation sealed pursuant to section 160.55 of the criminal proce-16 17 dure law [or by a conviction which is sealed pursuant to section 160.58 the criminal procedure law], in connection with the licensing, 19 employment or providing of credit or insurance to such individual;

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

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provided, further, that no person shall be required to divulge information pertaining to any arrest or criminal accusation of such individual not then pending against that individual which was followed by a termiof that criminal action or proceeding in favor of such individual, as defined in subdivision two of section 160.50 of the criminal procedure law, or by a youthful offender adjudication, as defined in 5 6 7 subdivision one of section 720.35 of the criminal procedure law, or by a 8 conviction for a violation sealed pursuant to section 160.55 of the 9 criminal procedure law[, or by a conviction which is sealed pursuant to 10 section 160.58 of the criminal procedure law]. The provisions subdivision shall not apply to the licensing activities of governmental 11 12 bodies in relation to the regulation of guns, firearms and other deadly weapons or in relation to an application for employment as a police 13 14 officer or peace officer as those terms are defined in subdivisions 15 thirty-three and thirty-four of section 1.20 of the criminal procedure 16 law; provided further that the provisions of this subdivision shall not 17 apply to an application for employment or membership in any law enforce-18 ment agency with respect to any arrest or criminal accusation which was 19 followed by a youthful offender adjudication, as defined in subdivision one of section 720.35 of the criminal procedure law, or by a conviction 20 21 for a violation sealed pursuant to section 160.55 of the criminal proce-22 dure law[, or by a conviction which is sealed pursuant to section 160.58 23 of the criminal procedure law].

24 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.