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Introduced by Sens. SALAND, GOLDEN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government

AN ACT to amend the county law, in relation to the authority of district attorneys to hire and retain licensed professionals

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

Section 1. Section 700 of the county law is amended by adding a new subdivision 13 to read as follows:

13. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO CRIME VICTIMS, WITNESSES, AND OTHER PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, AND TO SUPPORT CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY MAY EMPLOY OR CONTRACT WITH PERSONS LICENSED AND REGISTERED TO PRACTICE OR OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED UNDER ARTICLE ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR, OR ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE OF THE EDUCATION LAW, OR CONTRACT WITH ENTITIES AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES SPECIFIED IN SUCH ARTICLES, IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROVISION OF ANY SERVICES THAT SUCH PERSONS OR ENTITIES ARE AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE AND THAT ARE AUTHORIZED BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately, provided that, for purposes of satisfying the experience requirements for licensure set forth in article 153, 154, or 163 of the education law, satisfactory experience obtained in the office of a district attorney providing services authorized in section 700 of the county law may be accepted by the education department, notwithstanding that such experience may have been obtained prior to the effective date of this act.

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

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