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Introduced by M. of A. MENG -- read once and referred to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the civil rights law, in relation to limiting the scope of information disclosed in a published notice of change of name

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

Section 1. Section 63 of the civil rights law, as amended by chapter 258 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:

S 63. Order. If the court to which the petition is presented is satisfied thereby, or by the affidavit and certificate presented therewith, that the petition is true, and that there is no reasonable objection to the change of name proposed, and if the petition be to change the name of an infant, that the interests of the infant will be substantially promoted by the change, the court shall make an order authorizing the petitioner to assume the name proposed. The order shall further recite the date and place of birth of the applicant and, if the applicant was born in the state of New York, such order shall set forth the number of his birth certificate or that no birth certificate is available. The order shall be directed to be entered and the papers on which it was granted to be filed prior to the publication hereinafter directed in the clerk's office of the county in which the petitioner resides if he be an individual, or in the office of the clerk of the civil court of the city of New York if the order be made by that court. Such order shall also direct the publication, at least once, within sixty days after the making of the order, in a designated newspaper in the county in which the order is directed to be entered and if the petition is made by a person subject to the provisions of subdivision two of section sixty-two of this article, in a designated newspaper in any county wherein such person was convicted if different from the county in which the order is otherwise directed to be entered, of a notice in substantially the following form: Notice is hereby given that an order entered by the

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

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..... court,..... county, on the ..... day of....., bearing Index Number....., a copy of which may be examined at the office of the clerk, located at ....., in room number....., grants me the right to assume the name of ..... [My] THE CITY AND STATE OF MY present address [is] ARE .....; the [date] MONTH AND YEAR of my birth [is] ARE .....; the place of my birth is .....; my present name is .....

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.