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AN ACT to amend the penal law and the criminal procedure law, in  
relation to sentencing and resentencing in domestic violence cases

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

1 Section 1. Section 60.12 of the penal law, as added by chapter 1 of  
2 the laws of 1998, is amended to read as follows:  
3 S 60.12 Authorized disposition; alternative [indeterminate] sentence [of  
4 imprisonment]; domestic violence cases.

5 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, where a court is impos-  
6 ing sentence UPON A PERSON pursuant to section 70.00, 70.02 [upon a  
7 conviction for an offense enumerated in subdivision one of such section]  
8 OR 70.06 OF THIS TITLE, other than FOR an offense defined in [article  
9 one hundred thirty of this chapter] SECTION 125.26, 125.27, SUBDIVISION  
10 FIVE OF SECTION 125.25, OR ARTICLE FOUR HUNDRED NINETY OF THIS CHAPTER,  
11 AN ATTEMPT OR CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT ANY SUCH OFFENSE, OR WHERE SUCH  
12 PERSON IS REQUIRED TO REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER PURSUANT TO ARTICLE  
13 SIX-C OF THE CORRECTION LAW, and is authorized or required pursuant to  
14 [such section] SECTIONS 70.00, 70.02 OR 70.06 to impose a [determinate]  
15 sentence of imprisonment [for such offense], the court, upon a determi-  
16 nation following a hearing that

17 (a) AT THE TIME OF THE INSTANT OFFENSE, the defendant was [the] A  
18 victim of DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUBJECTED TO SUBSTANTIAL physical, sexual or  
19 psychological abuse [by the victim or intended victim of such offense,]  
20 INFLICTED BY A MEMBER OF THE SAME FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD AS THE DEFENDANT  
21 AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION 530.11 OF THE  
22 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE LAW;

23 (b) such abuse was a SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTING factor [in causing the  
24 defendant to commit such offense and] TO THE DEFENDANT'S CRIMINAL  
25 BEHAVIOR;

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

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1 (c) [the victim or intended victim of such offense was a member of the  
2 same family or household as the defendant as such term is defined in  
3 subdivision one of section 530.11 of the criminal procedure law, may, in  
4 lieu of imposing such determinate sentence of imprisonment, impose an  
5 indeterminate sentence of imprisonment in accordance with subdivisions  
6 two and three of this section.] HAVING REGARD FOR THE NATURE AND CIRCUM-  
7 STANCES OF THE CRIME AND THE HISTORY, CHARACTER AND CONDITION OF THE  
8 DEFENDANT, THAT THE SENTENCE OF IMPRISONMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 70.00,  
9 70.02 OR 70.06 OF THIS TITLE WOULD BE UNDULY HARSH MAY INSTEAD IMPOSE A  
10 SENTENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION TWO, THREE, FOUR, FIVE, SIX OR  
11 SEVEN OF THIS SECTION.

12 A COURT MAY DETERMINE THAT SUCH ABUSE CONSTITUTES A SIGNIFICANT  
13 CONTRIBUTING FACTOR PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (B) OF THIS SUBDIVISION  
14 REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE DEFENDANT RAISED A DEFENSE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE  
15 THIRTY-FIVE, ARTICLE FORTY, OR SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION 125.25 OF THIS  
16 CHAPTER.

17 AT THE HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE DEFENDANT SHOULD BE SENTENCED  
18 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THE COURT SHALL CONSIDER ORAL AND WRITTEN  
19 ARGUMENTS, TAKE TESTIMONY FROM WITNESSES OFFERED BY EITHER PARTY, AND  
20 CONSIDER RELEVANT EVIDENCE TO ASSIST IN MAKING ITS DETERMINATION. RELI-  
21 ABLE HEARSAY SHALL BE ADMISSIBLE AT SUCH HEARINGS.

22 2. [The maximum term of an indeterminate sentence imposed pursuant to  
23 subdivision one of this section must be fixed by the court as follows:]  
24 WHERE A COURT WOULD OTHERWISE BE REQUIRED TO IMPOSE A SENTENCE PURSUANT  
25 TO SECTION 70.02 OF THIS TITLE, THE COURT MAY IMPOSE A DEFINITE SENTENCE  
26 OF IMPRISONMENT OF ONE YEAR OR LESS, OR PROBATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
27 PROVISIONS OF SECTION 65.00 OF THIS TITLE, OR MAY FIX A TERM OF IMPRI-  
28 SONMENT AS FOLLOWS:

29 (a) For a class B felony, the term must be at least [six years] ONE  
30 YEAR and must not exceed [twenty-five] FIVE years;

31 (b) For a class C felony, the term must be at least [four and one-half  
32 years] ONE YEAR and must not exceed [fifteen] THREE AND ONE-HALF years;

33 (c) For a class D felony, the term must be at least [three years] ONE  
34 YEAR and must not exceed [seven] TWO years; and

35 (d) For a class E felony, the term must be [at least three years] ONE  
36 YEAR and must not exceed [four] ONE AND ONE-HALF years.

37 3. [The minimum period of imprisonment under an indeterminate sentence  
38 imposed pursuant to subdivision one of this section must be fixed by the  
39 court at one-half of the maximum term imposed and must be specified in  
40 the sentence] WHERE A COURT WOULD OTHERWISE BE REQUIRED TO IMPOSE A  
41 SENTENCE FOR A CLASS A FELONY OFFENSE PURSUANT TO SECTION 70.00 OF THIS  
42 TITLE OR TO SUBDIVISION TWO OR THREE OF SECTION 70.71 OF THIS TITLE, THE  
43 COURT MAY FIX A TERM OF IMPRISONMENT OF AT LEAST FIVE YEARS AND NOT TO  
44 EXCEED FIFTEEN YEARS.

45 4. WHERE A COURT WOULD OTHERWISE BE REQUIRED TO IMPOSE A SENTENCE  
46 PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION SIX OF SECTION 70.06 OF THIS TITLE, THE COURT  
47 MAY FIX A TERM OF IMPRISONMENT AS FOLLOWS:

48 (A) FOR A CLASS B FELONY, THE TERM MUST BE AT LEAST THREE YEARS AND  
49 MUST NOT EXCEED EIGHT YEARS;

50 (B) FOR A CLASS C FELONY, THE TERM MUST BE AT LEAST TWO AND ONE-HALF  
51 YEARS AND MUST NOT EXCEED FIVE YEARS;

52 (C) FOR A CLASS D FELONY, THE TERM MUST BE AT LEAST TWO YEARS AND MUST  
53 NOT EXCEED THREE YEARS;

54 (D) FOR A CLASS E FELONY, THE TERM MUST BE AT LEAST ONE AND ONE-HALF  
55 YEARS AND MUST NOT EXCEED TWO YEARS.

1 5. WHERE A COURT WOULD OTHERWISE BE REQUIRED TO IMPOSE A SENTENCE FOR  
2 A CLASS B, C, D OR E FELONY OFFENSE PURSUANT TO SECTION 70.00 OF THIS  
3 TITLE, THE COURT MAY IMPOSE A SENTENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS  
4 OF SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION 70.70 OF THIS TITLE.

5 6. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION SEVEN OF THIS SECTION, WHERE A  
6 COURT WOULD OTHERWISE BE REQUIRED TO IMPOSE A SENTENCE PURSUANT TO  
7 SUBDIVISION THREE OF SECTION 70.06 OF THIS TITLE, THE COURT MAY IMPOSE A  
8 SENTENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION THREE OF  
9 SECTION 70.70 OF THIS TITLE.

10 7. WHERE A COURT WOULD OTHERWISE BE REQUIRED TO IMPOSE A SENTENCE  
11 PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION THREE OF SECTION 70.06 OF THIS TITLE, WHERE THE  
12 PRIOR FELONY CONVICTION WAS FOR A FELONY OFFENSE DEFINED IN SECTION  
13 70.02 OF THIS TITLE, THE COURT MAY IMPOSE A SENTENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
14 THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION FOUR OF SECTION 70.70 OF THIS TITLE.

15 S 2. Paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) of subdivision 2 of  
16 section 70.45 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 7 of the laws of  
17 2007, are amended to read as follows:

18 (a) such period shall be one year whenever a determinate sentence of  
19 imprisonment is imposed pursuant to subdivision two of section 70.70 of  
20 this article OR SUBDIVISION FIVE OF SECTION 60.12 OF THIS TITLE upon a  
21 conviction of a class D or class E felony offense;

22 (b) such period shall be not less than one year nor more than two  
23 years whenever a determinate sentence of imprisonment is imposed pursu-  
24 ant to subdivision two of section 70.70 of this article OR SUBDIVISION  
25 FIVE OF SECTION 60.12 OF THIS TITLE upon a conviction of a class B or  
26 class C felony offense;

27 (c) such period shall be not less than one year nor more than two  
28 years whenever a determinate sentence of imprisonment is imposed pursu-  
29 ant to subdivision three or four of section 70.70 of this article OR  
30 SUBDIVISION SIX OR SEVEN OF SECTION 60.12 OF THIS TITLE upon conviction  
31 of a class D or class E felony offense;

32 (d) such period shall be not less than one and one-half years nor more  
33 than three years whenever a determinate sentence of imprisonment is  
34 imposed pursuant to subdivision three or four of section 70.70 of this  
35 article OR SUBDIVISION SIX OR SEVEN OF SECTION 60.12 OF THIS TITLE upon  
36 conviction of a class B felony or class C felony offense;

37 (e) such period shall be not less than one and one-half years nor more  
38 than three years whenever a determinate sentence of imprisonment is  
39 imposed pursuant to subdivision three of section 70.02 of this article  
40 OR SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION 60.12 OF THIS TITLE upon a conviction of a  
41 class D or class E violent felony offense;

42 (f) such period shall be not less than two and one-half years nor more  
43 than five years whenever a determinate sentence of imprisonment is  
44 imposed pursuant to subdivision three of section 70.02 of this article  
45 OR SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION 60.12 OF THIS TITLE upon a conviction of a  
46 class B or class C violent felony offense.

47 S 3. The criminal procedure law is amended by adding a new section  
48 440.47 to read as follows:

49 S 440.47 MOTION FOR RESENTENCE; DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES.

50 1. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY CONTRARY PROVISION OF LAW, ON THE EFFECTIVE  
51 DATE OF THIS SECTION, ANY PERSON IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
52 CORRECTIONS AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION SERVING A SENTENCE WITH A MINIMUM  
53 OR DETERMINATE TERM OF EIGHT YEARS OR MORE FOR AN OFFENSE COMMITTED  
54 PRIOR TO SUCH EFFECTIVE DATE AND ELIGIBLE FOR AN ALTERNATIVE SENTENCE  
55 PURSUANT TO SECTION 60.12 OF THE PENAL LAW MAY SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO

1 BE RESENTENCED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 60.12 OF THE PENAL LAW IN THE  
2 COURT WHICH IMPOSED THE ORIGINAL SENTENCE.

3 SUCH APPLICATION FOR RESENTENCING UNDER THIS SECTION MUST INCLUDE  
4 EVIDENCE CORROBORATING SUCH PERSON'S CLAIM THAT HE OR SHE WAS, AT THE  
5 TIME OF THE COMMITMENT OFFENSE, A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUBJECTED  
6 TO SUBSTANTIAL PHYSICAL, SEXUAL OR PSYCHOLOGICAL ABUSE INFLICTED BY A  
7 MEMBER OF HIS OR HER SAME FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN  
8 SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION 530.11 OF THIS CHAPTER.

9 SUCH EVIDENCE MAY INCLUDE, BUT SHALL NOT BE LIMITED TO, WITNESS STATE-  
10 MENTS, COURT RECORDS, PRE-SENTENCE REPORTS, SOCIAL SERVICES RECORDS,  
11 CITY AND STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION  
12 RECORDS, HOSPITAL RECORDS, LAW ENFORCEMENT RECORDS, DOMESTIC INCIDENT  
13 REPORTS, ORDERS OF PROTECTION, A SHOWING BASED IN PART ON DOCUMENTATION  
14 PREPARED AT OR NEAR THE TIME OF THE COMMISSION OF THE OFFENSE OR THE  
15 PROSECUTION THEREOF TENDING TO SUPPORT THE PERSON'S CLAIM, OR WHEN THERE  
16 IS VERIFICATION OF CONSULTATION WITH A LICENSED MEDICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH  
17 CARE PROVIDER, EMPLOYEE OF A COURT ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF HIS OR HER  
18 EMPLOYMENT, MEMBER OF THE CLERGY, ATTORNEY, SOCIAL WORKER, OR RAPE  
19 CRISIS COUNSELOR AS DEFINED IN SECTION FORTY-FIVE HUNDRED TEN OF THE  
20 CIVIL PRACTICE LAW AND RULES, OR OTHER ADVOCATE ACTING ON BEHALF OF AN  
21 AGENCY THAT ASSISTS VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
22 ASSISTING SUCH PERSON WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM COUNSELING OR  
23 SUPPORT.

24 2. THE APPLICATION FOR RESENTENCING SHALL BE REFERRED FOR DETERMI-  
25 NATION TO THE JUDGE OR JUSTICE WHO IMPOSED THE ORIGINAL SENTENCE UPON  
26 THE APPLICANT. IF, AT THE TIME OF THE APPLICATION, THE ORIGINAL SENTENC-  
27 ING JUDGE OR JUSTICE IS A JUDGE OR JUSTICE OF A COURT OF COMPETENT  
28 JURISDICTION, BUT SUCH COURT IS NOT THE COURT IN WHICH THE ORIGINAL  
29 SENTENCE WAS IMPOSED, THEN THE APPLICATION SHALL BE RANDOMLY ASSIGNED TO  
30 ANOTHER JUDGE OR JUSTICE OF THE COURT IN WHICH THE ORIGINAL SENTENCE WAS  
31 IMPOSED, PROVIDED THAT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND APPLICANT MAY AGREE  
32 THAT THE APPLICATION BE REFERRED TO THE ORIGINAL SENTENCING JUDGE. IF  
33 THE ORIGINAL SENTENCING JUDGE IS NO LONGER A JUDGE OR JUSTICE OF A COURT  
34 OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, THEN THE APPLICATION SHALL BE RANDOMLY  
35 ASSIGNED TO ANOTHER JUDGE OR JUSTICE OF THE COURT.

36 3. IF, IN REVIEWING THE APPLICATION, THE COURT DETERMINES THAT THE  
37 APPLICANT DOES NOT STAND CONVICTED OF AN OFFENSE ELIGIBLE FOR AN ALTER-  
38 NATIVE SENTENCE PURSUANT TO SECTION 60.12 OF THE PENAL LAW OR HAS NOT  
39 COMPLIED WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION, THE  
40 COURT SHALL ISSUE AN ORDER DISMISSING THE APPLICATION WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

41 4. (A) UPON THE COURT'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE APPLICATION, THE COURT SHALL  
42 PROMPTLY NOTIFY THE APPROPRIATE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND PROVIDE SUCH  
43 DISTRICT ATTORNEY WITH A COPY OF THE PETITION.

44 (B) AFTER SUCH NOTIFICATION, THE COURT MAY CONDUCT A HEARING TO AID IN  
45 MAKING ITS DETERMINATION OF WHETHER THE APPLICANT MEETS THE CRITERIA  
46 ESTABLISHED IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION 60.12 OF THE PENAL LAW AND  
47 SHOULD BE RESENTENCED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. AT SUCH HEARING THE  
48 COURT SHALL DETERMINE ANY CONTROVERTED ISSUE OF FACT RELEVANT TO THESE  
49 CRITERIA AND TO THE ISSUE OF SENTENCING. RELIABLE HEARSAY SHALL BE  
50 ADMISSIBLE AT SUCH HEARINGS.

51 (C) THE COURT MAY CONSIDER ANY FACTS OR CIRCUMSTANCES RELEVANT TO THE  
52 IMPOSITION OF A NEW SENTENCE WHICH ARE SUBMITTED BY THE APPLICANT OR THE  
53 DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND MAY, IN ADDITION, CONSIDER THE INSTITUTIONAL  
54 RECORD OF CONFINEMENT OF SUCH PERSON, BUT SHALL NOT ORDER A NEW PRE-SEN-  
55 TENCE INVESTIGATION AND REPORT OR ENTERTAIN ANY MATTER CHALLENGING THE  
56 UNDERLYING BASIS OF THE SUBJECT CONVICTION. THE COURT'S CONSIDERATION OF

1 THE INSTITUTIONAL RECORD OF CONFINEMENT OF SUCH APPLICANT SHALL INCLUDE,  
2 BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, SUCH APPLICANT'S PARTICIPATION IN OR WILLINGNESS  
3 TO PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAMMING SUCH AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, PARENTING AND  
4 SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT WHILE INCARCERATED AND SUCH APPLICANT'S DISCI-  
5 PLINARY HISTORY. THE FACT THAT THE APPLICANT MAY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO  
6 PARTICIPATE IN TREATMENT OR OTHER PROGRAMMING WHILE INCARCERATED DESPITE  
7 SUCH APPLICANT'S WILLINGNESS TO DO SO SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED A NEGATIVE  
8 FACTOR IN DETERMINING A MOTION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

9 (D) IF THE COURT DETERMINES, AFTER REVIEW OF THE SUBMISSIONS AND THE  
10 FINDINGS OF FACT MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THE APPLICATION, THAT SUCH  
11 APPLICANT MEETS THE CRITERIA ESTABLISHED IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION  
12 60.12 OF THE PENAL LAW AND SHOULD BE RESENTENCED PURSUANT TO THIS  
13 SECTION, THE COURT SHALL INFORM SUCH APPLICANT OF THE NEW SENTENCE IT  
14 WOULD IMPOSE UPON SUCH CONVICTION, AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 60.12 OF THE  
15 PENAL LAW, AND SHALL ENTER AN ORDER TO THAT EFFECT. IF THE COURT DETER-  
16 MINES THAT SUCH PERSON DOES NOT MEET THE CRITERIA ESTABLISHED IN SUBDI-  
17 VISION ONE OF SECTION 60.12 OF THE PENAL LAW AND SHOULD NOT BE RESEN-  
18 TENCED, THE COURT SHALL INFORM SUCH APPLICANT OF ITS DECISION AND SHALL  
19 ENTER AN ORDER TO THAT EFFECT.

20 (E) THE COURT SHALL NOTIFY THE APPLICANT THAT, UNLESS HE OR SHE WITH-  
21 DRAWS THE APPLICATION OR APPEALS FROM SUCH ORDER, THE COURT WILL ENTER  
22 AN ORDER VACATING THE SENTENCE ORIGINALLY IMPOSED AND IMPOSING THE NEW  
23 SENTENCE TO BE IMPOSED AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 60.12 OF THE PENAL LAW.  
24 ANY ORDER ISSUED BY A COURT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MUST INCLUDE WRIT-  
25 TEN FINDINGS OF FACT AND THE REASONS FOR SUCH ORDER.

26 5. AN APPEAL MAY BE TAKEN AS OF RIGHT IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE  
27 PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER: (A) FROM AN ORDER DENYING RESENTENCING; OR  
28 (B) FROM A NEW SENTENCE IMPOSED UNDER THIS PROVISION AND MAY BE BASED ON  
29 THE GROUNDS THAT (I) THE TERM OF THE NEW SENTENCE IS HARSH OR EXCESSIVE;  
30 OR (II) THAT THE TERM OF THE NEW SENTENCE IS UNAUTHORIZED AS A MATTER OF  
31 LAW. UPON REMAND TO THE SENTENCING COURT FOLLOWING SUCH APPEAL THE  
32 APPLICANT SHALL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO WITHDRAW AN APPLICATION FOR  
33 RESENTENCING BEFORE ANY RESENTENCE IS IMPOSED.

34 6. SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTEEN AND SUBDIVISION  
35 FOUR OF SECTION SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO OF THE COUNTY LAW AND THE  
36 RELATED PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE EIGHTEEN-A OF SUCH LAW SHALL APPLY TO THE  
37 PREPARATION OF AND PROCEEDINGS ON APPLICATIONS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION,  
38 INCLUDING ANY APPEALS.

39 7. IN CALCULATING THE NEW TERM TO BE SERVED BY THE APPLICANT PURSUANT  
40 TO SECTION 60.12 OF THE PENAL LAW, SUCH APPLICANT SHALL BE CREDITED FOR  
41 ANY JAIL TIME CREDITED TOWARDS THE SUBJECT CONVICTION AS WELL AS ANY  
42 PERIOD OF INCARCERATION CREDITED TOWARD THE SENTENCE ORIGINALLY IMPOSED.

43 S 4. Subdivision 1 of section 450.90 of the criminal procedure law, as  
44 amended by section 10 of part AAA of chapter 56 of the laws of 2009, is  
45 amended to read as follows:

46 1. Provided that a certificate granting leave to appeal is issued  
47 pursuant to section 460.20 OF THIS TITLE, an appeal may, except as  
48 provided in subdivision two, be taken to the court of appeals by either  
49 the defendant or the people from any adverse or partially adverse order  
50 of an intermediate appellate court entered upon an appeal taken to such  
51 intermediate appellate court pursuant to section 450.10, 450.15, or  
52 450.20 OF THIS ARTICLE, or from an order granting or denying a motion to  
53 set aside an order of an intermediate appellate court on the ground of  
54 ineffective assistance or wrongful deprivation of appellate counsel, or  
55 by either the defendant or the people from any adverse or partially  
56 adverse order of an intermediate appellate court entered upon an appeal

1 taken to such intermediate appellate court from an order entered pursu-  
2 ant to section 440.46 OR SECTION 440.47 of this [chapter] TITLE. An  
3 order of an intermediate appellate court is adverse to the party who was  
4 the appellant in such court when it affirms the judgment, sentence or  
5 order appealed from, and is adverse to the party who was the respondent  
6 in such court when it reverses the judgment, sentence or order appealed  
7 from. An appellate court order which modifies a judgment or order  
8 appealed from is partially adverse to each party.  
9 S 5. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after  
10 it shall have become a law.