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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. NOZZOLIO -- (at request of the Office of Court Administration) -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the criminal procedure law, in relation to removal of an action from one local criminal court to another local criminal court established as a problem-solving court

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

Section 1. Subdivision 4 of section 170.15 of the criminal procedure law, as amended by chapter 67 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

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- Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, in any county outside a city having a population of one million or more, upon or after arraignment of a defendant on an information, a simplified information, a prosecutor's information or a misdemeanor complaint pendin a local criminal court, such court may, upon motion of the defendant and with the consent of the district attorney, order that the action be removed from the court in which the matter is pending to another local criminal court in the same county which has been designated A PROBLEM-SOLVING COURT BY THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR OF THE COURTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO a drug court [by the chief administrator of the courts] , MENTAL HEALTH COURT, VETERANS COURT, ADOLESCENT DIVERSION PART, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT, HUMAN TRAFFICKING COURT, SEX OFFENSE COURT, OR COMMUNITY COURT, and such [drug] PROBLEM-SOLVING court may then conduct such action to judgement or other final disposition; provided, however, that an order of removal issued under this subdivision shall not take effect until five days after the date the order is issued unless, prior to such effective date, the [drug] PROBLEM-SOLVING court notifies the court that issued the order that:
- (a) it will not accept the action, in which event the order shall not take effect, or
- 24 (b) it will accept the action on a date prior to such effective date, 25 in which event the order shall take effect upon such prior date.

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

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Upon providing notification pursuant to paragraph (a) or (b) of this subdivision, the [drug] PROBLEM-SOLVING court shall promptly give notice to the defendant, his or her counsel and the district attorney. S 2. This act shall take effect immediately. 1 2