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Introduced by M. of A. LAVINE -- read once and referred to the Committee  
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AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to a defendant profiting  
from his or her crime

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

1     Section 1. Subdivisions 1 and 2 of section 632-a of the executive law,  
2     as amended by section 24 of part A-1 of chapter 56 of the laws of 2010,  
3     paragraph (c) of subdivision 1 as amended by section 100 and the opening  
4     paragraph of paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 as amended by section 101 of  
5     subpart B of part C of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, are amended to  
6     read as follows:  
7     1. For the purposes of this section:  
8     (a) "Crime" means (i) any felony defined in the laws of the state; or  
9     (ii) an offense in any jurisdiction which includes all of the essential  
10    elements of any felony defined in the laws of this state and: (A) the  
11    crime victim, as defined in subparagraph (i) of paragraph (d) of this  
12    subdivision, was a resident of this state at the time of the commission  
13    of the offense; or (B) the act or acts constituting the offense occurred  
14    in whole or in part in this state.  
15    (b) "Profits from a crime" means (i) any property obtained through or  
16    income generated from the commission of a crime of which the defendant  
17    was convicted OR FOUND, OR THE COURT ACCEPTS A PLEA OF, NOT RESPONSIBLE  
18    BY REASON OF MENTAL DISEASE OR DEFECT; (ii) any property obtained by or  
19    income generated from the sale, conversion or exchange of proceeds of a  
20    crime, including any gain realized by such sale, conversion or exchange;  
21    and (iii) any property which the defendant obtained or income generated  
22    as a result of having committed the crime, including any assets obtained  
23    through the use of unique knowledge obtained during the commission of,  
24    or in preparation for the commission of, a crime, as well as any property  
25    obtained by or income generated from the sale, conversion or exchange

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

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1 of such property and any gain realized by such sale, conversion or  
2 exchange.

3 (c) "Funds of a convicted person" means all funds and property  
4 received from any source by a person convicted of a specified crime, OR  
5 FOUND, OR THE COURT ACCEPTS A PLEA OF, NOT RESPONSIBLE BY REASON OF  
6 MENTAL DISEASE OR DEFECT or by the representative of such person as  
7 defined in subdivision six of section six hundred twenty-one of this  
8 article excluding child support and earned income, where such person:

9 (i) is an inmate serving a sentence with the department of corrections  
10 and community supervision or a prisoner confined at a local correctional  
11 facility or federal correctional institute, and includes funds that a  
12 superintendent, sheriff or municipal official receives on behalf of an  
13 inmate or prisoner and deposits in an inmate account to the credit of  
14 the inmate pursuant to section one hundred sixteen of the correction law  
15 or deposits in a prisoner account to the credit of the prisoner pursuant  
16 to section five hundred-c of the correction law; or

17 (ii) is not an inmate or prisoner but who is serving a sentence of  
18 probation or conditional discharge or is presently subject to an undisc-  
19 charged indeterminate, determinate or definite term of imprisonment or  
20 period of post-release supervision or term of supervised release, but  
21 shall include earned income earned during a period in which such person  
22 was not in compliance with the conditions of his or her probation,  
23 parole, conditional release, period of post-release supervision by the  
24 department of corrections and community supervision or term of super-  
25 vised release with the United States probation office or United States  
26 parole commission. For purposes of this subparagraph, such period of  
27 non-compliance shall be measured, as applicable, from the earliest date  
28 of delinquency determined by the department of corrections and community  
29 supervision, or from the earliest date on which a declaration of delin-  
30 quency is filed pursuant to section 410.30 of the criminal procedure law  
31 and thereafter sustained, or from the earliest date of delinquency  
32 determined in accordance with applicable federal law, rules or regu-  
33 lations, and shall continue until a final determination sustaining the  
34 violation has been made by the trial court, the department of  
35 corrections and community supervision, or appropriate federal authority;  
36 or

37 (iii) is no longer subject to a sentence of probation or conditional  
38 discharge or indeterminate, determinate or definite term of imprisonment  
39 or period of post-release supervision or term of supervised release, and  
40 where within the previous three years: the full or maximum term or peri-  
41 od terminated or expired or such person was granted a discharge by the  
42 state board of parole or the department of corrections and community  
43 supervision pursuant to applicable law, or granted a discharge or termi-  
44 nation from probation pursuant to applicable law or granted a discharge  
45 or termination under applicable federal or state law, rules or regu-  
46 lations prior to the expiration of such full or maximum term or period;  
47 and includes only: (A) those funds paid to such person as a result of  
48 any interest, right, right of action, asset, share, claim, recovery or  
49 benefit of any kind that the person obtained, or that accrued in favor  
50 of such person, prior to the expiration of such sentence, term or peri-  
51 od; (B) any recovery or award collected in a lawsuit after expiration of  
52 such sentence where the right or cause of action accrued prior to the  
53 expiration or service of such sentence; and (C) earned income earned  
54 during a period in which such person was not in compliance with the  
55 conditions of his or her probation, parole, conditional release, period  
56 of post-release supervision by the department of corrections and commu-

1 nity supervision or term of supervised release with the United States  
2 probation office or United States parole commission. For purposes of  
3 this subparagraph, such period of non-compliance shall be measured, as  
4 applicable, from the earliest date of delinquency determined by the  
5 department of corrections and community supervision, or from the earli-  
6 est date on which a declaration of delinquency is filed pursuant to  
7 section 410.30 of the criminal procedure law and thereafter sustained,  
8 or from the earliest date of delinquency determined in accordance with  
9 applicable federal law, rules or regulations, and shall continue until a  
10 final determination sustaining the violation has been made by the trial  
11 court, the department of corrections and community supervision, or  
12 appropriate federal authority; OR

13 (IV) IS COMMITTED TO A SECURE FACILITY DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSIONER  
14 OF MENTAL HEALTH OR SUBJECT TO TREATMENT WHICH MAY INCLUDE CONDITIONAL  
15 OR UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE.

16 (d) "Crime victim" means (i) the victim of a crime; (ii) the represen-  
17 tative of a crime victim as defined in subdivision six of section six  
18 hundred twenty-one of this article; (iii) a good samaritan as defined in  
19 subdivision seven of section six hundred twenty-one of this article;  
20 (iv) the office of victim services or other governmental agency that has  
21 received an application for or provided financial assistance or compen-  
22 sation to the victim.

23 (e) (i) "Specified crime" means:

24 (A) a violent felony offense as defined in subdivision one of section  
25 70.02 of the penal law;

26 (B) a class B felony offense defined in the penal law;

27 (C) an offense for which a merit time allowance may not be received  
28 against the sentence pursuant to paragraph (d) of subdivision one of  
29 section eight hundred three of the correction law;

30 (D) an offense defined in the penal law that is titled in such law as  
31 a felony in the first degree;

32 (E) grand larceny in the fourth degree as defined in subdivision six  
33 of section 155.30 or grand larceny in the second degree as defined in  
34 section 155.40 of the penal law;

35 (F) criminal possession of stolen property in the second degree as  
36 defined in section 165.52 of the penal law; or

37 (G) an offense in any jurisdiction which includes all of the essential  
38 elements of any of the crimes specified in clauses (A) through (F) of  
39 this subparagraph and either the crime victim as defined in subparagraph  
40 (i) of paragraph (d) of this subdivision was a resident of this state at  
41 the time of the commission of the offense or the act or acts constitut-  
42 ing the crime occurred in whole or in part in this state.

43 (ii) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (i) of this para-  
44 graph a "specified crime" shall not mean or include an offense defined  
45 in any of the following articles of the penal law: articles one hundred  
46 fifty-eight, one hundred seventy-eight, two hundred twenty, two hundred  
47 twenty-one, two hundred twenty-five, and two hundred thirty.

48 (f) "Earned income" means income derived from one's own labor or  
49 through active participation in a business as distinguished from income  
50 from, for example, dividends or investments.

51 2. (a) Every person, firm, corporation, partnership, association or  
52 other legal entity, or representative of such person, firm, corporation,  
53 partnership, association or entity, which knowingly contracts for, pays,  
54 or agrees to pay: (i) any profits from a crime as defined in paragraph  
55 (b) of subdivision one of this section, to a person charged with or  
56 convicted OR FOUND, OR THE COURT ACCEPTS A PLEA OF, NOT RESPONSIBLE BY

1 REASON OF MENTAL DISEASE OR DEFECT, of that crime, or to the represen-  
2 tative of such person as defined in subdivision six of section six  
3 hundred twenty-one of this article; or (ii) any funds of a convicted  
4 person, as defined in paragraph (c) of subdivision one of this section,  
5 where such conviction is for a specified crime and the value, combined  
6 value or aggregate value of the payment or payments of such funds  
7 exceeds or will exceed ten thousand dollars, shall give written notice  
8 to the office of the payment or obligation to pay as soon as practicable  
9 after discovering that the payment or intended payment constitutes  
10 profits from a crime or funds of a convicted person.

11 (b) Notwithstanding subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (a) of this subdi-  
12 vision, whenever the payment or obligation to pay involves funds of a  
13 convicted person that a superintendent, sheriff or municipal official  
14 receives or will receive on behalf of an inmate serving a sentence with  
15 the department of corrections and community supervision or prisoner  
16 confined at a local correctional facility and deposits or will deposit  
17 in an inmate account to the credit of the inmate or in a prisoner  
18 account to the credit of the prisoner, and the value, combined value or  
19 aggregate value of such funds exceeds or will exceed ten thousand  
20 dollars, the superintendent, sheriff or municipal official shall also  
21 give written notice to the office.

22 Further, whenever the state or subdivision of the state makes payment  
23 or has an obligation to pay funds of a convicted person, as defined in  
24 subparagraph (ii) [or], (iii) OR (IV) of paragraph (c) of subdivision  
25 one of this section, and the value, combined value or aggregate value of  
26 such funds exceeds or will exceed ten thousand dollars, the state or  
27 subdivision of the state shall also give written notice to the office.

28 In all other instances where the payment or obligation to pay involves  
29 funds of a convicted person, as defined in subparagraph (ii) [or], (iii)  
30 OR (IV) of paragraph (c) of subdivision one of this section, and the  
31 value, combined value or aggregate value of such funds exceeds or will  
32 exceed ten thousand dollars, the convicted person who receives or will  
33 receive such funds, or the representative of such person as defined in  
34 subdivision six of section six hundred twenty-one of this article, shall  
35 give written notice to the office.

36 (c) The office, upon receipt of notice of a contract, an agreement to  
37 pay or payment of profits from a crime or funds of a convicted person  
38 pursuant to paragraph (a) or (b) of this subdivision, or upon receipt of  
39 notice of funds of a convicted person from the superintendent, sheriff  
40 or municipal official of the facility where the inmate or prisoner is  
41 confined pursuant to section one hundred sixteen or five hundred-c of  
42 the correction law, shall notify all known crime victims of the exist-  
43 ence of such profits or funds at their last known address.

44 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.