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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. ROSENTHAL, PERRY, WEPRIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the civil practice law and rules, in relation to increasing penalties for failure to execute and file satisfied judgments of \$5,000 or more with the court clerk

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

Section 1. Subdivision (c) of section 5020 of the civil practice law and rules, as amended by chapter 575 of the laws of 1975, is amended to read as follows:

(c) When [the] A judgment FOR LESS THAN FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS is fully 5 satisfied, if the person required to execute and file with the proper clerk pursuant to subdivisions (a) and (d) [hereof] OF THIS SECTION 7 fails or refuses to do so within twenty days after receiving full satisfaction, then the judgment creditor shall be subject to a penalty of one 9 hundred dollars recoverable by the judgment debtor pursuant to [Section 7202 of the civil practice law and rules] 10 SECTION SEVENTY-TWO HUNDRED 11 TWO OF THIS CHAPTER or article eighteen of either the New York City civil court act, uniform district court act or uniform city court 12 WHEN A JUDGMENT FOR FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS OR MORE IS FULLY SATISFIED, IF 13 14 PERSON REQUIRED TO EXECUTE AND FILE WITH THE PROPER CLERK PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISIONS (A) AND (D) OF THIS SECTION FAILS OR REFUSES TO DO SO 15 16 WITHIN TWENTY DAYS AFTER RECEIVING FULL SATISFACTION, THEN THE JUDGMENT CREDITOR SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A PENALTY OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS RECOVERA-17 BLE BY THE JUDGMENT DEBTOR PURSUANT TO SECTION SEVENTY-TWO 18 HUNDRED THIS CHAPTER OR ARTICLE EIGHTEEN OF EITHER THE NEW YORK CITY CIVIL 19 20 COURT ACT, UNIFORM DISTRICT COURT ACT OR UNIFORM CITY COURT 21 provided, however, that such [penalty] PENALTIES shall not be recoverable when a city with a population greater than one million persons is 22 judgment creditor, unless such judgment creditor shall fail to 23 the

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

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execute and file a satisfaction-piece with the proper clerk pursuant to subdivisions (a) and (d) [hereof] OF THIS SECTION within twenty days after having been served by the judgment debtor with a written demand therefor by certified mail, return receipt requested. 5

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after

it shall have become a law.