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AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to establishing the crime stoppers council, within the division of criminal justice services, for the purpose of providing assistance to crime stoppers organizations in the state; to amend the penal law, in relation to imposing a crime stoppers fee upon a person convicted of a criminal offense and sentenced to probation therefor; and to amend the state finance law, in relation to establishing the crime stoppers fund

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

1     Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 837-s  
2     to read as follows:  
3     S 837-S. CRIME STOPPERS COUNCIL. 1. AS USED IN THIS SECTION:  
4     (A) "COUNCIL" MEANS THE CRIME STOPPERS COUNCIL ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO  
5     SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION.  
6     (B) "CRIME STOPPERS ORGANIZATION" MEANS NEW YORK STATE CRIME STOPPERS,  
7     INC. OR ANY NOT-FOR-PROFIT COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS ORGANIZATION WHICH IS A  
8     CRIME STOPPERS PROGRAM APPROVED FOR CONSIDERATION FOR FUNDING BY THE NEW  
9     YORK STATE CRIME STOPPERS, INC., EXCLUDING ANY COUNTY OF THE CITY OF NEW  
10    YORK.  
11    2. (A) THERE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED, WITHIN THE DIVISION, A CRIME STOP-  
12    PERS COUNCIL. THE COUNCIL SHALL BE COMPOSED OF SIX MEMBERS. ONE MEMBER  
13    SHALL BE THE CHAIR OF THE NEW YORK STATE CRIME STOPPERS, INC. OR HIS OR  
14    HER DESIGNEE; ONE MEMBER SHALL BE A MEMBER OF A POLICE AGENCY; ONE  
15    MEMBER SHALL BE A CIVILIAN WHO IS NOT A MEMBER OF A CRIME STOPPERS  
16    ORGANIZATION OR A POLICE AGENCY; ONE MEMBER SHALL BE A MEMBER OF THE  
17    MEDIA; ONE MEMBER SHALL BE AN ATTORNEY ADMITTED TO PRACTICE IN THE  
18    STATE; AND ONE MEMBER SHALL BE AN EX OFFICIO MEMBER FROM THE OFFICE OF  
19    THE GOVERNOR AND SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR. THE INITIAL  
20    APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL SHALL BE COMPLETED BY THE

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

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1 COMMISSIONER WITHIN SIXTY DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION. IN  
2 ADDITION, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL AS  
3 THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE NEW YORK STATE CRIME STOPPERS, INC. OR HIS OR HER  
4 DESIGNEE, WHO SHALL BE A NON-VOTING MEMBER.

5 (B) THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL SHALL SERVE A TERM OF TWO YEARS;  
6 PROVIDED THAT THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBER WHO IS THE CHAIR OF THE NEW  
7 YORK STATE CRIME STOPPERS, INC. OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE SHALL BE PERMA-  
8 NENT; AND PROVIDED FURTHER THAT THE EX OFFICIO MEMBER FROM THE OFFICE OF  
9 THE GOVERNOR MAY BE REAPPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR. A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL  
10 MAY BE REMOVED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR CAUSE AFTER AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE  
11 HEARD IN HIS OR HER DEFENSE EXCEPT THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COUNCIL OR HIS  
12 OR HER DESIGNEE WHO IS A PERMANENT MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL.

13 (C) ANY MEMBER APPOINTED TO FILL A VACANCY CREATED OTHER THAN BY EXPI-  
14 RATION OF TERM SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THE MEMBER  
15 WHOM HE OR SHE IS TO SUCCEED. VACANCIES CAUSED BY THE EXPIRATION OF TERM  
16 OR OTHERWISE SHALL BE FILLED IN THE SAME MANNER AS ORIGINAL APPOINT-  
17 MENTS.

18 (D) THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL SHALL RECEIVE NO COMPENSATION FOR THEIR  
19 SERVICES BUT EACH MEMBER SHALL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE HIS OR HER ACTUAL  
20 AND NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS OR HER DUTIES.

21 (E) THE COUNCIL SHALL MEET ON A REGULAR BASIS AT THE CALL OF THE  
22 COMMISSIONER OR THE CHAIR. THE MEMBERS SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM FOR THE  
23 CONDUCT OF BUSINESS BY THE COUNCIL, AND NO ACTION SHALL BE TAKEN BY THE  
24 COUNCIL WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS.

25 3. THE COUNCIL SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS, POWERS AND DUTIES:

26 (A) TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING A CERTIFICATION PROCESS FOR  
27 CRIME STOPPERS ORGANIZATIONS WHICH SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE GRANTS  
28 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION;

29 (B) TO PROVIDE TRAINING TO CRIME STOPPERS ORGANIZATIONS;

30 (C) TO REQUIRE THAT CRIME STOPPERS ORGANIZATIONS MAINTAIN SEPARATE  
31 BANK ACCOUNTS FOR AND ACCOUNTING OF THE GRANT MONEYS AWARDED PURSUANT TO  
32 THIS SECTION;

33 (D) TO REQUIRE ANY CRIME STOPPERS ORGANIZATION WITHIN THE STATE,  
34 EXCLUDING THE CITY OF NEW YORK, TO FIRST BECOME A MEMBER OF NEW YORK  
35 STATE CRIME STOPPERS, INC. AND BE APPROVED BY SUCH ENTITY AS A PROPERLY  
36 FUNCTIONING CRIME STOPPERS ORGANIZATION WITHIN THE STATE BEFORE SUCH  
37 ORGANIZATION CAN BE CONSIDERED BY THE COUNCIL FOR FUNDING; AND

38 (E) TO, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSIONER, ESTABLISH REGU-  
39 LATIONS PROVIDING GRANTS TO CERTIFIED CRIME STOPPERS ORGANIZATIONS FOR  
40 ADMINISTRATIVE AND TRAINING EXPENSES, AND FOR REWARDS PAID BY SUCH  
41 ORGANIZATIONS TO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC FOR THE PROVISION OF  
42 INFORMATION LEADING TO THE APPREHENSION OF FUGITIVES CHARGED WITH OR  
43 CONVICTED OF A FELONY. SUCH REGULATIONS SHALL ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE FOR  
44 THE PAYMENT OF SUCH GRANTS BASED UPON THE TYPES OF ADMINISTRATIVE  
45 EXPENSES INCURRED, THE TYPES AND AMOUNT OF TRAINING PROVIDED, AND THE  
46 SEVERITY OF THE FELONY WITH WHICH THE APPREHENDED FUGITIVE IS CHARGED OR  
47 HAS BEEN CONVICTED. SUCH REGULATIONS SHALL ESTABLISH THAT GRANT FUNDING  
48 SHALL BE AVAILABLE AND DISTRIBUTED TO CRIME STOPPERS ORGANIZATIONS BASED  
49 ON THE SIZE OF THE POPULATION OF THE AREA SERVED BY SUCH ORGANIZATION.

50 S 2. The section heading of section 60.35 of the penal law, as amended  
51 by section 1 of part E of chapter 56 of the laws of 2004, is amended to  
52 read as follows:

53 Mandatory surcharge, sex offender registration fee, DNA databank fee,  
54 supplemental sex offender victim fee, CRIME STOPPERS FEE and crime  
55 victim assistance fee required in certain cases.

1 S 3. Subdivision 1 of section 60.35 of the penal law is amended by  
2 adding a new paragraph (c) to read as follows:

3 (C) WHEN A PERSON IS CONVICTED OF A VIOLATION, A MISDEMEANOR OR A  
4 FELONY AND A SENTENCE OF PROBATION IS IMPOSED THEREFOR PURSUANT TO ARTI-  
5 CLE SIXTY-FIVE OF THIS TITLE, THE PERSON CONVICTED SHALL PAY A CRIME  
6 STOPPERS FEE OF FIFTY DOLLARS IN ADDITION TO THE MANDATORY SURCHARGE AND  
7 ANY OTHER FEE.

8 S 4. Subdivisions 2, 3, 4 and 8 of section 60.35 of the penal law,  
9 subdivisions 2 and 3 as amended by section 1 of part E of chapter 56 of  
10 the laws of 2004, subdivision 4 as amended by chapter 525 of the laws of  
11 2013, and subdivision 8 as amended by section 121 of subpart B of part C  
12 of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, are amended to read as follows:

13 2. Where a person is convicted of two or more crimes or violations  
14 committed through a single act or omission, or through an act or omis-  
15 sion which in itself constituted one of the crimes or violations and  
16 also was a material element of the other, the court shall impose a  
17 mandatory surcharge and a crime victim assistance fee, and where appro-  
18 priate a supplemental sex offender victim fee AND/OR A CRIME STOPPERS  
19 FEE, in accordance with the provisions of this section for the crime or  
20 violation which carries the highest classification, and no other  
21 sentence to pay a mandatory surcharge, crime victim assistance fee,  
22 CRIME STOPPERS FEE or supplemental sex offender victim fee required by  
23 this section shall be imposed. Where a person is convicted of two or  
24 more sex offenses or sexually violent offenses, as defined by subdivi-  
25 sions two and three of section one hundred sixty-eight-a of the  
26 correction law, committed through a single act or omission, or through  
27 an act or omission which in itself constituted one of the offenses and  
28 also was a material element of the other, the court shall impose only  
29 one sex offender registration fee. Where a person is convicted of two or  
30 more designated offenses, as defined by subdivision seven of section  
31 nine hundred ninety-five of the executive law, committed through a  
32 single act or omission, or through an act or omission which in itself  
33 constituted one of the offenses and also was a material element of the  
34 other, the court shall impose only one DNA databank fee.

35 3. The mandatory surcharge, sex offender registration fee, DNA data-  
36 bank fee, crime victim assistance fee, CRIME STOPPERS FEE and supple-  
37 mental sex offender victim fee provided for in subdivision one of this  
38 section shall be paid to the clerk of the court or administrative tribu-  
39 nal that rendered the conviction. Within the first ten days of the month  
40 following collection of the mandatory surcharge, crime victim assistance  
41 fee, and supplemental sex offender victim fee, the collecting authority  
42 shall determine the amount of mandatory surcharge, crime victim assist-  
43 ance fee, and supplemental sex offender victim fee collected and, if it  
44 is an administrative tribunal, or a town or village justice court, it  
45 shall then pay such money to the state comptroller who shall deposit  
46 such money in the state treasury pursuant to section one hundred twenty-  
47 one of the state finance law to the credit of the criminal justice  
48 improvement account established by section ninety-seven-bb of the state  
49 finance law. Within the first ten days of the month following collection  
50 of the sex offender registration fee and DNA databank fee, the collect-  
51 ing authority shall determine the amount of the sex offender registra-  
52 tion fee and DNA databank fee collected and, if it is an administrative  
53 tribunal, or a town or village justice court, it shall then pay such  
54 money to the state comptroller who shall deposit such money in the state  
55 treasury pursuant to section one hundred twenty-one of the state finance  
56 law to the credit of the general fund. WITHIN THE FIRST TEN DAYS OF THE

1 MONTH FOLLOWING COLLECTION OF THE CRIME STOPPERS FEE, THE COLLECTING  
2 AUTHORITY SHALL DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF THE CRIME STOPPERS FEE COLLECTED  
3 AND, IF IT IS AN ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL, OR A TOWN OR VILLAGE JUSTICE  
4 COURT, IT SHALL THEN PAY SUCH MONEY TO THE STATE COMPTROLLER WHO SHALL  
5 DEPOSIT SUCH MONEY IN THE STATE TREASURY PURSUANT TO SECTION ONE HUNDRED  
6 TWENTY-ONE OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW TO THE CREDIT OF THE CRIME STOPPERS  
7 FUND ESTABLISHED BY SECTION EIGHTY-ONE OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW. If such  
8 collecting authority is any other court of the unified court system, it  
9 shall, within such period, pay such money attributable to the mandatory  
10 surcharge or crime victim assistance fee to the state commissioner of  
11 taxation and finance to the credit of the criminal justice improvement  
12 account established by section ninety-seven-bb of the state finance law.  
13 If such collecting authority is any other court of the unified court  
14 system, it shall, within such period, pay such money attributable to the  
15 sex offender registration fee and the DNA databank fee to the state  
16 commissioner of taxation and finance to the credit of the general fund.  
17 IF SUCH COLLECTING AUTHORITY IS ANY OTHER COURT OF THE UNIFIED COURT  
18 SYSTEM, IT SHALL, WITHIN SUCH PERIOD, PAY SUCH MONEY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE  
19 CRIME STOPPERS FEE TO THE COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION AND FINANCE TO THE  
20 CREDIT OF THE CRIME STOPPERS FUND ESTABLISHED BY SECTION EIGHTY-ONE OF  
21 THE STATE FINANCE LAW.

22 4. Any person who has paid a mandatory surcharge, sex offender regis-  
23 tration fee, DNA databank fee, a crime victim assistance fee, CRIME  
24 STOPPERS FEE or a supplemental sex offender victim fee under the author-  
25 ity of this section based upon a conviction that is subsequently  
26 reversed or who paid a mandatory surcharge, sex offender registration  
27 fee, DNA databank fee, a crime victim assistance fee, CRIME STOPPERS FEE  
28 or supplemental sex offender victim fee under the authority of this  
29 section which is ultimately determined not to be required by this  
30 section shall be entitled to a refund of such mandatory surcharge, sex  
31 offender registration fee, DNA databank fee, crime victim assistance  
32 fee, CRIME STOPPERS FEE or supplemental sex offender victim fee upon  
33 application, in the case of a town or village court, to the state comp-  
34 troller. The state comptroller shall require such proof as is necessary  
35 in order to determine whether a refund is required by law. In all other  
36 cases, such application shall be made to the department, agency or court  
37 that collected such surcharge or fee. Such department, agency or court  
38 shall initiate the refund process and the state comptroller shall pay  
39 the refund pursuant to subdivision fifteen of section eight of the state  
40 finance law.

41 8. Subdivision one of section 130.10 of the criminal procedure law  
42 notwithstanding, at the time that the mandatory surcharge, sex offender  
43 registration fee or DNA databank fee, crime victim assistance fee, CRIME  
44 STOPPERS FEE or supplemental sex offender victim fee is imposed a town  
45 or village court may, and all other courts shall, issue and cause to be  
46 served upon the person required to pay the mandatory surcharge, sex  
47 offender registration fee or DNA databank fee, crime victim assistance  
48 fee, CRIME STOPPERS FEE or supplemental sex offender victim fee, a  
49 summons directing that such person appear before the court regarding the  
50 payment of the mandatory surcharge, sex offender registration fee or DNA  
51 databank fee, crime victim assistance fee, CRIME STOPPERS FEE or supple-  
52 mental sex offender victim fee, if after sixty days from the date it was  
53 imposed it remains unpaid. The designated date of appearance on the  
54 summons shall be set for the first day court is in session falling after  
55 the sixtieth day from the imposition of the mandatory surcharge, sex  
56 offender registration fee or DNA databank fee, crime victim assistance

1 fee, CRIME STOPPERS FEE or supplemental sex offender victim fee. The  
2 summons shall contain the information required by subdivision two of  
3 section 130.10 of the criminal procedure law except that in substitution  
4 for the requirement of paragraph (c) of such subdivision the summons  
5 shall state that the person served must appear at a date, time and  
6 specific location specified in the summons if after sixty days from the  
7 date of issuance the mandatory surcharge, sex offender registration fee  
8 or DNA databank fee, crime victim assistance fee, CRIME STOPPERS FEE or  
9 supplemental sex offender victim fee remains unpaid. The court shall not  
10 issue a summons under this subdivision to a person who is being  
11 sentenced to a term of confinement in excess of sixty days in jail or in  
12 the department of corrections and community supervision. The mandatory  
13 surcharges, sex offender registration fee and DNA databank fees, crime  
14 victim assistance fees, CRIME STOPPER FEES and supplemental sex offender  
15 victim fees for those persons shall be governed by the provisions of  
16 section 60.30 of this article.

17 S 5. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 81 to  
18 read as follows:

19 S 81. CRIME STOPPERS FUND. 1. THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED IN THE JOINT  
20 CUSTODY OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER AND THE COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION AND  
21 FINANCE A SPECIAL FUND TO BE KNOWN AS THE "CRIME STOPPERS FUND".

22 2. MONEYS IN THE CRIME STOPPERS FUND SHALL BE KEPT SEPARATELY FROM AND  
23 SHALL NOT BE COMMINGLED WITH ANY OTHER MONEYS IN THE JOINT OR SOLE  
24 CUSTODY OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER OR THE COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION AND  
25 FINANCE.

26 3. THE CRIME STOPPERS FUND SHALL CONSIST OF MONIES RECEIVED BY THE  
27 STATE PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (C) OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION 60.35 OF  
28 THE PENAL LAW, AND ALL OTHER GRANTS, BEQUESTS OR OTHER MONIES CREDITED,  
29 APPROPRIATED OR TRANSFERRED THERETO FROM ANY OTHER FUND OR SOURCE.

30 4. THE MONEYS IN SUCH FUND, FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION BY THE LEGISLA-  
31 TURE, SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
32 SERVICES FOR ALLOCATION BY THE CRIME STOPPERS COUNCIL, SUBJECT TO THE  
33 APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSIONER OF SUCH DIVISION, PURSUANT TO SECTION EIGHT  
34 HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN-S OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW. SPECIFICALLY, (A) TWENTY  
35 PERCENT OF SUCH MONIES SHALL BE DISBURSED FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE  
36 EXPENSES OF CRIME STOPPERS ORGANIZATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUCH SECTION  
37 OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW; AND (B) EIGHTY PERCENT OF SUCH MONIES SHALL BE  
38 DISBURSED FOR GRANTS TO CRIME STOPPERS ORGANIZATIONS FOR REGARDS PAID TO  
39 MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC FOR THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION LEADING  
40 TO THE APPREHENSION OF FUGITIVES CHARGED WITH OR CONVICTED OF A FELONY.

41 S 6. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
42 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-  
43 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-  
44 tation of this act on its effective date is authorized to be made on or  
45 before such date.