

STATE OF NEW YORK

1674

2017-2018 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

January 12, 2017

Introduced by M. of A. ZEBROWSKI -- read once and referred to the
Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the criminal procedure law, in relation to youthful
offenders

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-
bly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 720.10 of the criminal procedure
2 law, as amended by chapter 411 of the laws of 1979, is amended to read
3 as follows:

4 1. "Youth" means a person charged with a crime alleged to have been
5 committed when he or she was at least sixteen years old and less than
6 [~~nineteen~~] twenty-one years old or a person charged with being a juve-
7 nile offender as defined in subdivision forty-two of section 1.20 of
8 this chapter.

9 § 2. Subdivision 1 of section 720.20 of the criminal procedure law, as
10 amended by chapter 652 of the laws of 1974, is amended to read as
11 follows:

12 1. Upon conviction of an eligible youth, the court must order a pre-
13 sentence investigation of the defendant. After receipt of a written
14 report of the investigation and at the time of pronouncing sentence the
15 court must determine whether or not the eligible youth is a youthful
16 offender. Such determination shall be in accordance with the following
17 criteria:

18 (a) If in the opinion of the court the interest of justice would be
19 served by relieving the eligible youth from the onus of a criminal
20 record and by not imposing an indeterminate term of imprisonment of more
21 than four years, the court may, in its discretion, find the eligible
22 youth is a youthful offender; and

23 (b) Where the conviction is had in a local criminal court and the
24 eligible youth charged with a crime alleged to have been committed when
25 he or she was at least sixteen years old and less than nineteen years

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

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1 old had not prior to commencement of trial or entry of a plea of guilty
2 been convicted of a crime or found a youthful offender, the court must
3 find he or she is a youthful offender.
4 § 3. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeed-
5 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.