STATE OF NEW YORK

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2017-2018 Regular Sessions

SENATE - ASSEMBLY

January 18, 2017

IN SENATE -- Introduced by Sen. GOLDEN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations

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

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to inquiries about certain sealed convictions; and to repeal section 160.58 of the criminal procedure law relating to conditional sealing of certain controlled substances, marihuana or specified offense convictions

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

Section 1. Section 160.58 of the criminal procedure law is REPEALED.

§ 2. Subdivision 16 of section 296 of the executive law, as separately amended by section 3 of part N and section 14 of part AAA of chapter 56 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

16. It shall be an unlawful discriminatory practice, unless specifically required or permitted by statute, for any person, agency, bureau, corporation or association, including the state and any political subdivision thereof, to make any inquiry about, whether in any form of application or otherwise, or to act upon adversely to the individual involved, any arrest or criminal accusation of such individual not then pending against that individual which was followed by a termination of that criminal action or proceeding in favor of such individual, as defined in subdivision two of section 160.50 of the criminal procedure law, or by a youthful offender adjudication, as defined in subdivision one of section 720.35 of the criminal procedure law, or by a conviction for a violation sealed pursuant to section 160.55 of the criminal procedure law [~~or by a conviction which is sealed pursuant to section 160.58 of the criminal procedure law~~], in connection with the licensing, employment or providing of credit or insurance to such individual;

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

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provided, further, that no person shall be required to divulge information pertaining to any arrest or criminal accusation of such individual not then pending against that individual which was followed by a termination of that criminal action or proceeding in favor of such individual, as defined in subdivision two of section 160.50 of the criminal procedure law, or by a youthful offender adjudication, as defined in subdivision one of section 720.35 of the criminal procedure law, or by a conviction for a violation sealed pursuant to section 160.55 of the criminal procedure law[~~, or by a conviction which is sealed pursuant to section 160.58 of the criminal procedure law~~]. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to the licensing activities of governmental bodies in relation to the regulation of guns, firearms and other deadly weapons or in relation to an application for employment as a police officer or peace officer as those terms are defined in subdivisions thirty-three and thirty-four of section 1.20 of the criminal procedure law; provided further that the provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to an application for employment or membership in any law enforcement agency with respect to any arrest or criminal accusation which was followed by a youthful offender adjudication, as defined in subdivision one of section 720.35 of the criminal procedure law, or by a conviction for a violation sealed pursuant to section 160.55 of the criminal procedure law[~~, or by a conviction which is sealed pursuant to section 160.58 of the criminal procedure law~~].

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall have become a law.