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Introduced by Sens. KRUEGER, SERRANO -- read twice and ordered printed,
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AN ACT to amend the civil rights law, in relation to the publication
requirement after a legal name change

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

1 Section 1. Section 63 of the civil rights law, as amended by chapter
2 253 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as follows:

3 § 63. Order. If the court to which the petition is presented is satis-
4 fied thereby, or by the affidavit and certificate presented therewith,
5 that the petition is true, and that there is no reasonable objection to
6 the change of name proposed, and if the petition be to change the name
7 of an infant, that the interests of the infant will be substantially
8 promoted by the change, the court shall make an order authorizing the
9 petitioner to assume the name proposed. The order shall further recite
10 the date and place of birth of the applicant and, if the applicant was
11 born in the state of New York, such order shall set forth the number of
12 his or her birth certificate or that no birth certificate is available.
13 The order shall be directed to be entered and the papers on which it was
14 granted to be filed prior to the publication hereinafter directed in the
15 clerk's office of the county in which the petitioner resides if he or
16 she be an individual, or in the office of the clerk of the civil court
17 of the city of New York if the order be made by that court. [~~Such~~] If
18 the petitioner has been convicted of a violent felony offense as defined
19 in section 70.02 of the penal law or a felony defined in article one
20 hundred twenty-five, section 130.25, 130.30, 130.40, 130.45, 135.10,
21 135.25, 230.05, 230.06, subdivision two of section 230.30, section
22 230.32, 255.25, 255.26, 255.27, or article two hundred sixty-three of
23 such law, such order shall also direct the publication, at least once,
24 within sixty days after the making of the order, in a designated newspa-
25 per in the county in which the order is directed to be entered and if

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

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1 the petition is made by a person [~~subject to the provisions of subdivi-~~
2 ~~sion two of section sixty-two of this article,~~ currently confined as an
3 inmate in any correctional facility or currently under the supervision
4 of the state division of parole or a county probation department as a
5 result of such conviction, in a designated newspaper in any county wher-
6 ein such person was convicted if different from the county in which the
7 order is otherwise directed to be entered, of a notice in substantially
8 the following form: Notice is hereby given that an order entered by the
9 court, county, on the day of,
10 bearing Index Number, a copy of which may be examined at the
11 office of the clerk, located at, in room
12 number, grants me the right to assume the name of
13 The city and state of my present address are
14; the month and year of my birth are
15; the place of my birth is; my
16 present name is

17 § 2. Section 64 of the civil rights law, as amended by chapter 258 of
18 the laws of 2006 and the closing paragraph as separately amended by
19 chapters 258, 320 and 481 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as
20 follows:

21 § 64. Effect. If the order shall be fully complied with, and within
22 ninety days after the making of the order, an affidavit of the publica-
23 tion thereof shall be filed, if required by section sixty-three of this
24 article, in the office in which the order is entered, the petitioner
25 shall be known by the name which is thereby authorized to be assumed. If
26 the surname of a parent be changed as provided in this article, any
27 minor child of such parent at the time of such change may thereafter
28 assume such changed surname.

29 Upon compliance with the order and the filing of the affidavit of the
30 publication where applicable, as provided in this section, the clerk of
31 the court in which the order has been entered shall certify that the
32 order has been complied with; and, if the petition states that the peti-
33 tioner [~~stands~~ has been convicted of a violent felony offense as
34 defined in section 70.02 of the penal law or a felony defined in article
35 one hundred twenty-five [~~of such law or any of the following provisions~~
36 ~~of such law sections~~], sections 130.25, 130.30, 130.40, 130.45, 135.10,
37 135.25, 230.05, 230.06, subdivision two of section 230.30, section
38 230.32, 255.25, 255.26, 255.27[~~7~~] or article two hundred sixty-three[~~7~~
39 ~~135.10, 135.25, 230.05, 230.06, subdivision two of section 230.30 or~~
40 ~~230.32~~] of such law, such clerk (1) shall deliver, by first class mail,
41 a copy of such certified order to the division of criminal justice
42 services at its office in the county of Albany and (2) upon the clerk of
43 the court reviewing the petitioner's application for name change and
44 subsequent in-court inquiry, may, in the clerk's discretion, deliver, by
45 first class mail, the petitioner's new name with such certified order to
46 the court of competent jurisdiction which imposed the orders of support.
47 Such certification shall appear on the original order and on any certi-
48 fied copy thereof and shall be entered in the clerk's minutes of the
49 proceeding.

50 § 3. Subdivision 2 of section 61 of the civil rights law, as amended
51 by section 54 of subpart B of part C of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011,
52 is amended to read as follows:

53 2. If the petitioner [~~stands~~ has been convicted of a violent felony
54 offense as defined in section 70.02 of the penal law or a felony defined
55 in article one hundred twenty-five [~~of such law or any of the following~~
56 ~~provisions of such law sections~~], section 130.25, 130.30, 130.40,

1 130.45, 135.10, 135.25, 230.05, 230.06, subdivision two of section
2 230.30, section 230.32, 255.25, 255.26, 255.27, or article two hundred
3 sixty-three[, ~~135.10, 135.25, 230.05, 230.06, subdivision two of section~~
4 ~~230.30 or 230.32~~] of such law, and is currently confined as an inmate in
5 any correctional facility or currently under the supervision of the
6 department of corrections and community supervision or a county
7 probation department as a result of such conviction, the petition shall
8 for each such conviction specify such felony conviction, the date of
9 such conviction or convictions, and the court in which such conviction
10 or convictions were entered.

11 § 4. Subdivision 2 of section 62 of the civil rights law, as amended
12 by section 55 of subpart B of part C of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011,
13 is amended to read as follows:

14 2. If the petition be to change the name of a person currently
15 confined as an inmate in any correctional facility or currently under
16 the supervision of the department of corrections and community super-
17 vision or a county probation department as a result of a conviction for
18 a violent felony offense as defined in section 70.02 of the penal law or
19 a felony defined in article one hundred twenty-five [~~of such law or any~~
20 ~~of the following provisions of such law sections~~], section 130.25,
21 130.30, 130.40, 130.45, 135.10, 135.25, 230.05, 230.06, subdivision two
22 of section 230.30 or section 230.32, 255.25, 255.26, 255.27, or article
23 two hundred sixty-three[, ~~135.10, 135.25, 230.05, 230.06, subdivision~~
24 ~~two of section 230.30 or 230.32~~] of such law, notice of the time and
25 place when and where the petition will be presented shall be served, in
26 like manner as a notice of a motion upon an attorney in an action, upon
27 the district attorney of every county in which such person has been
28 convicted of such felony and upon the court or courts in which the
29 sentence for such felony was entered. Unless a shorter period of time is
30 ordered by the court, said notice shall be served upon each such
31 district attorney and court or courts not less than sixty days prior to
32 the date on which such petition is noticed to be heard.

33 § 5. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
34 have become a law and shall apply to orders issued on and after such
35 effective date.