

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2017-2018 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

May 2, 2017

Introduced by Sen. BONACIC -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the judiciary law, in relation to establishing a lawyer referral service - client privilege

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 498 of the judiciary law is renum-
2 bered subdivision 3 and a new subdivision 2 is added to read as follows:

3 2. The communications between a member or authorized agent of an asso-
4 ciation or society of attorneys or counselors at law and any person,
5 persons or entity communicating with such member or authorized agent for
6 the purpose of seeking or obtaining a professional referral shall be
7 deemed to be privileged on the same basis as the privilege provided by
8 law for communications between attorney and client. Such privilege may
9 be waived only by the person, persons or entity who has furnished infor-
10 mation to the association or society, its members or authorized agents.

11 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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