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IN SENATE -- Introduced by Sen. CARLUCCI -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

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

AN ACT to amend the criminal procedure law, in relation to a "problem solving court"

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

Section 1. Subdivision 4 of section 170.15 of the criminal procedure law, as amended by chapter 67 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

4 4. Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, in 5 any county outside a city having a population of one million or more, 6 upon or after arraignment of a defendant on an information, a simplified 7 information, a prosecutor's information or a misdemeanor complaint pend-8 ing in a local criminal court, such court may, upon motion of the defendant and with the consent of the district attorney, order that the 9 10 action be removed from the court in which the matter is pending to 11 another local criminal court in the same county which has been desig-12 nated a [drug] court formed to address a matter of special concern based upon the status of the defendant or the victim, commonly known as a 13 "problem solving court," and limited to, drug court and domestic 14 violence court, by the chief administrator of the courts, and such 15 [drug] problem solving court may then conduct such action to [judgement] 16 judgment or other final disposition; provided, however, that an order of 17 18 removal issued under this subdivision shall not take effect until five 19 days after the date the order is issued unless, prior to such effective 20 date, the [drug] problem solving court notifies the court that issued 21 the order that:

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

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(a) it will not accept the action, in which event the order shall not
take effect, or
(b) it will accept the action on a date prior to such effective date,
in which event the order shall take effect upon such prior date.
Upon providing notification pursuant to paragraph (a) or (b) of this
subdivision, the [drug] problem solving court shall promptly give notice
to the defendant, his or her counsel and the district attorney.

8 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.