STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. DINOWITZ -- read once and referred to the Committee on Judiciary -- reported and referred to the Committee on Codes -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the civil practice law and rules, in relation to when third-party practice is allowed

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

1 Section 1. Section 1007 of the civil practice law and rules, as 2 amended by chapter 216 of the laws of 1992, is amended to read as 3 follows:

§ 1007. When third-party practice allowed. After the service of [his] 5 the answer but no later than filing the note of issue and twenty days, unless consented to by the parties or, upon written application of any 7 of the parties in the main action, the court, in its discretion, extends such time for good cause for the delay, a defendant may [proceed against a person not a party who is or may be liable to that defendant for all 10 or part of the plaintiff's claim against that defendant, implead a 11 third-party by filing pursuant to section three hundred four of this 12 chapter a third-party summons and complaint with the clerk of the court 13 in the county in which the main action is pending, for which a separate index number shall not be issued but a separate index number fee shall 15 be collected. The third-party summons and complaint and all prior pleadings served in the action shall be served upon such person within one 16 hundred twenty days of the filing. A defendant serving a third-party 17 18 complaint shall be styled a third-party plaintiff and the person so 19 served shall be styled a third-party defendant. The defendant shall also 20 serve a copy of such third-party complaint upon the plaintiff's attorney 21 simultaneously upon issuance for service of the third-party complaint on 22 the third-party defendant.

23 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of September next 24 succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law and shall be 25 applicable to all actions commenced on and after such date.

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