

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

May 20, 2019

Introduced by M. of A. WEPRIN, LENTOL -- (at request of the Office of Court Administration) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the criminal procedure law, in relation to suspending jury deliberations

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 310.10 of the criminal procedure
2 law, as amended by chapter 47 of the laws of 2001, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 2. At any time after the jury has been charged or commenced its delib-
5 erations, and after notice to the parties and affording such parties an
6 opportunity to be heard on the record outside of the presence of the
7 jury, the court may declare the deliberations to be in recess and may
8 thereupon direct the jury to suspend its deliberations and to separate
9 for a reasonable period of time to be specified by the court, [~~not to~~
10 ~~exceed twenty-four hours, except that in the case of a Saturday, Sunday~~
11 ~~or holiday, such separation may extend beyond such twenty-four hour~~
12 ~~period]~~ not lasting beyond close of business on the second day following
13 such recess or, for good cause shown, beyond close of business on the
14 third day following recess of jury deliberations unless the defendant
15 consents to a longer period of suspension and separation. For the
16 purposes of this section, where a day referred to in this subdivision
17 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, such day shall mean the next day
18 thereafter during which the courthouse is open for the conduct of
19 trials. Before each recess, the court must admonish the jury as
20 provided in section 270.40 of this [~~chapter~~] title and direct it not to
21 resume its deliberations until all twelve jurors have reassembled in the
22 designated place at the termination of the declared recess.

23 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately, and shall apply to all
24 criminal actions pending on or after such effective date.

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

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