AN ACT to amend the domestic relations law, in relation to permitting combination last name changes to occur when separated by a space

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

1 Section 1. Clause (iv) of subparagraph 3 of paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 15 of the domestic relations law, as added by chapter 583 of the laws of 1985, is amended to read as follows:

(iv) a combination name separated by a hyphen or space, provided that each part of such combination surname is the premarriage surname, or any former surname, of each of the spouses.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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