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Introduced by M. of A. O'DONNELL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the criminal procedure law and the penal law, in relation to granting certain individuals youthful offender status; to add a new category of individuals eligible for young adult offender status and first offender status; and to repeal certain provisions of the criminal procedure law relating thereto

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

1 Section 1. Section 720.10 of the criminal procedure law, as added by 2 chapter 981 of the laws of 1971, subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 411 3 of the laws of 1979, subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 416 of the laws 4 of 1986, paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 316 of the 5 laws of 2006, subdivision 3 as amended by chapter 264 of the laws of 6 2003, and subdivisions 4, 5 and 6 as renumbered by chapter 481 of the 7 laws of 1978, is amended to read as follows:

8 § 720.10 Youthful offender procedure; definition of terms.

9 As used in this article, the following terms have the following mean-10 ings:

11 1. [<u>"Youth"</u>] <u>"Eligible youth"</u> means a person charged with a crime 12 alleged to have been committed when he <u>or she</u> was at least sixteen years 13 old and less than nineteen years old or a person charged with being a 14 juvenile offender as defined in subdivision forty-two of section 1.20 of 15 this chapter.

16 2. ["Eligible youth" means a youth who is eligible to be found a 17 youthful offender. Every youth is so eligible unless:

- 18 (a) the conviction to be replaced by a youthful offender finding is
- 19 for (i) a class A-I or class A-II felony, or (ii) an armed felony as
- 20 defined in subdivision forty-one of section 1.20, except as provided in
- 21 subdivision three, or (iii) rape in the first degree, griminal sexual

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

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1	act in the first degree, or aggravated sexual abuse, except as provided
2	in subdivision three, or
3	(b) such youth has previously been convicted and sentenced for a felo-
4	ny, or
5	(c) such youth has previously been adjudicated a youthful offender
6	following conviction of a felony or has been adjudicated on or after
7	September first, nineteen hundred seventy-eight a juvenile delinquent
8	who committed a designated felony act as defined in the family court
9	act.
10	3. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision two, a youth who has
11	been convicted of an armed felony offense or of rape in the first
12	degree, criminal sexual act in the first degree, or aggravated sexual abuse is an eligible youth if the court determines that one or more of
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14	the following factors exist: (i) mitigating circumstances that bear
15	directly upon the manner in which the crime was committed; or (ii) where
16	the defendant was not the sole participant in the crime, the defendant's
17	participation was relatively minor although not so minor as to consti-
18	tute a defense to the prosecution. Where the court determines that the
19	eligible youth is a youthful offender, the court shall make a statement
20	on the record of the reasons for its determination, a transcript of
21	which shall be forwarded to the state division of criminal justice
22	services, to be kept in accordance with the provisions of subdivision
23	three of section eight hundred thirty-seven-a of the executive law.
24	4.] "Youthful offender finding" means a finding, substituted for the
25	conviction of an eligible youth, pursuant to a determination that the
26	eligible youth is a youthful offender.
27	[5.] 3. "Youthful offender sentence" means the sentence imposed upon a
28	youthful offender finding.
29	[6.] 4. "Youthful offender adjudication". A youthful offender adjudi-
30	cation is comprised of a youthful offender finding and the youthful
31	offender sentence imposed thereon and is completed by imposition and
32	entry of the youthful offender sentence.
33	§ 2. Subdivisions 3 and 4 of section 720.15 of the criminal procedure
34	law are REPEALED.
35	§ 3. Subdivision 1 of section 720.20 of the criminal procedure law, as
36	amended by chapter 652 of the laws of 1974, is amended to read as
37	follows:
38	1. Upon conviction of an eligible youth, the court must order a pre-
39	sentence investigation of the defendant. After receipt of a written
40	report of the investigation and at the time of pronouncing sentence the
41	court must determine whether or not the eligible youth is a youthful
42	offender. Such determination shall be in accordance with the following
43	criteria:
44	(a) If the eligible youth is charged with a violation or a misdemeanor
45	offense, a class D or E felony offense, a class C felony as described in
46	subdivision one of section 160.10 of the penal law or any offense
47	contained in article two hundred twenty of the penal law, the court
48	shall find that he or she is a youthful offender.
49	(b) In all other cases, if in the opinion of the court the interest of
50	justice would be served by relieving the eligible youth from the onus of
51	a criminal record <u>and the attendant collateral consequences of that</u>
51 52	permanent criminal record and by not imposing an indeterminate term of
5⊿ 53	imprisonment of more than four years, the court may, in its discretion,
53 54	find the eligible youth is a youthful offender[} and
54 55	(b) Where the conviction is had in a local criminal court and the
	eligible youth had not prior to commencement of trial or entry of a plea
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of guilty been convicted of a crime or found a youthful offender, the 1 court must find he is a youthful offender.] 2 3 (c) There shall be a presumption to grant youthful offender status to 4 an eligible youth. The district attorney may challenge this presumption 5 by filing a motion with the court, with at least seven days' notice to the eligible youth and his or her attorney, showing by clear and б 7 convincing evidence that the interests of justice require the court not 8 to grant youthful offender status. 9 § 4. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (b) of subdivision 3 of section 10 220.30 of the criminal procedure law, as amended by chapter 410 of the 11 laws of 1979, is amended to read as follows: (i) A plea of guilty, whether to the entire indictment or to part of 12 13 indictment for any crime other than a class A felony, may not be the 14 accepted on the condition that it constitutes a complete disposition of 15 one or more other indictments against the defendant wherein is charged a 16 class A-I felony as defined in article two hundred twenty of the penal 17 law or the attempt to commit any such class A-I felony, except that an eligible youth, as defined in subdivision [two] one of section 720.10, 18 may plea to a class B felony, upon consent of the district attorney, for 19 20 purposes of adjudication as a youthful offender. 21 § 5. Subdivision 3 of section 420.30 of the criminal procedure law, as 22 amended by section 5 of part F of chapter 56 of the laws of 2004, is 23 amended to read as follows: 24 3. Restrictions. In no event shall a mandatory surcharge, sex offender 25 registration fee, DNA databank fee or crime victim assistance fee be 26 remitted provided, however, that a court may waive the crime victim 27 assistance fee if such defendant is an eligible youth as defined in subdivision [two] one of section 720.10 of this chapter, and the imposi-28 29 tion of such fee would work an unreasonable hardship on the defendant, 30 his or her immediate family, or any other person who is dependent on 31 such defendant for financial support. 32 § 6. Subdivision 2 of section 420.35 of the criminal procedure law, as 33 amended by chapter 189 of the laws of 2018, is amended to read as 34 follows: 35 2. Under no circumstances shall the mandatory surcharge, sex offender 36 registration fee, DNA databank fee or the crime victim assistance fee be 37 waived provided, however, that a court may waive the crime victim 38 assistance fee if such defendant is an eligible youth as defined in 39 subdivision [two] one of section 720.10 of this chapter, and the imposition of such fee would work an unreasonable hardship on the defendant, 40 41 his or her immediate family, or any other person who is dependent on 42 such defendant for financial support. A court shall waive any mandatory 43 surcharge, DNA databank fee and crime victim assistance fee when: (i) the defendant is convicted of loitering for the purpose of engaging in 44 45 prostitution under section 240.37 of the penal law (provided that the 46 defendant was not convicted of loitering for the purpose of patronizing 47 a person for prostitution); (ii) the defendant is convicted of prostitution under section 230.00 of the penal law; (iii) the defendant is 48 convicted of a violation in the event such conviction is in lieu of a 49 plea to or conviction for loitering for the purpose of engaging in pros-50 titution under section 240.37 of the penal law (provided that the 51 defendant was not alleged to be loitering for the purpose of patronizing 52 53 a person for prostitution) or prostitution under section 230.00 of the 54 penal law; or (iv) the court finds that a defendant is a victim of sex 55 trafficking under section 230.34 of the penal law or a victim of traf-56 ficking in persons under the trafficking victims protection act (United

1	States Code, Title 22, Chapter 78); or (v) the court finds that the
2	defendant is a victim of sex trafficking of a child under section
3	230.34-a of the penal law.
4	§ 7. The criminal procedure law is amended by adding a new article 721
5	to read as follows:
6	ARTICLE 721
7	YOUNG ADULT STATUS
8	Section 721.10 Young adult status procedure; definition of terms.
9	721.15 Young adult status procedure; sealing of accusatory
10	instrument; privacy of proceedings; preliminary
11	instructions to jury.
12	721.20 Young adult status determination; when and how made;
13	procedure thereupon.
14	721.30 Young adult adjudication; post-judgment motions and
15	appeal.
16	721.35 Young adult adjudication; effect thereof; records.
17	§ 721.10 Young adult status procedure; definition of terms.
18	As used in this article, the following terms have the following mean-
19	ings:
20	1. "Eligible young adult" means a person charged with a crime or offense alleged to have been committed when he or she was at least nine-
21 22	teen years old and less than twenty-two years old.
23	2. "Young adult finding" means a finding, substituted for the
24	conviction of an eligible young adult, pursuant to a determination that
25	the eligible young adult shall be granted young adult status.
26	3. "Young adult sentence" means the sentence imposed upon a young
27	adult finding.
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1	of imprisonment of more than ten years, the court may, in its
2	discretion, find the eligible young adult is a young adult offender; and
3	3. There shall be a presumption to grant young adult status to an
4	eligible young adult, unless the district attorney upon motion with not
5	less than seven days' notice to such person or his or her attorney
6	demonstrates to the satisfaction of the court that the interest of
7	justice require otherwise.
8	§ 721.30 Young adult adjudication; post-judgment motions and appeal.
9	The provisions of this chapter, governing the making and determination
10	of post-judgment motions and the taking and determination of appeals in
11	criminal cases, apply to post judgment motions and appeals with respect
12	to young adult adjudications wherever such provisions can reasonably be
13	so applied.
14	§ 721.35 Young adult adjudication; effect thereof; records.
15	1. A young adult adjudication is not a judgment of conviction for a
16	crime or any other offense, and does not operate as a disqualification
17	of any person so adjudged to hold public office or public employment or
18	to receive any license granted by public authority but shall be deemed a
19	conviction only for the purposes of transfer of supervision and custody
20	pursuant to section two hundred fifty-nine-m of the executive law.
21	2. Except where specifically required or permitted by statute or upon
22	specific authorization of the court, upon receipt of notification of a
23	young adult adjudication:
24	(a) every photograph of such young adult and photographic plate or
25	proof, and all palmprints and fingerprints taken or made of such young
26	adult pursuant to the provisions of this article in regard to the action
27	or proceeding terminated, and all duplicates and copies thereof, except
28	a digital fingerprint image where authorized pursuant to paragraph (d)
29	of this subdivision, shall forthwith be, at the discretion of the recip-
30	ient agency, either destroyed or returned to such young adult, or to the
31	attorney who represented the young adult at the time of the termination
32	of the action or proceeding, at the address given by such person or
33 24	attorney during the action or proceeding, by the division of criminal
34 25	justice services and by any police;
35	(b) any police department or law enforcement agency, including the
36	division of criminal justice services, which transmitted or otherwise forwarded to any agency of the United States or of any other state or of
37 38	any other jurisdiction outside the state of New York copies of any such
30 39	photographs, photographic plates or proofs, palmprints and fingerprints,
40	shall formally request in writing that all such copies be destroyed or
41	returned to the police department or law enforcement agency which trans-
42	mitted or forwarded them, and upon such return such department or agency
43	shall, at its discretion, either destroy or return them as provided
44	under this subdivision;
45	(c) all official records and papers relating to the arrest or prose-
46	cution, including all duplicates and copies thereof, on file with the
47	division of criminal justice services, police agency, or prosecutor's
48	office shall be sealed and not made available to any person or public or
49	private agency;
50	(d) the records referred to in paragraph (b) of this subdivision shall
51	be made available to the young adult accused or to such young adult's
52	designated agent, and shall be made available to (i) a prosecutor in any
53	proceeding in which the accused has moved for an order pursuant to
54	section 170.56 or 210.46 of this chapter, or (ii) a law enforcement
55	agency upon ex parte motion in any superior court, or in any district
56	court, city court or the criminal court of the city of New York provided

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1	that such court sealed the record, if such agency demonstrates to the
2	satisfaction of the court that justice requires that such records be
3	made available to it, or (iii) any state or local officer or agency with
4	responsibility for the issuance of licenses to possess guns, when the
5	accused has made application for such a license, or (iv) the New York
б	state department of corrections and community supervision when the
7	accused is under parole supervision as a result of conditional release
8	or parole release granted by the New York state board of parole and the
9	arrest which is the subject of the inquiry is one which occurred while
10	the accused was under such supervision, or (v) the probation department
11	responsible for supervision of the accused when the arrest which is the
12	subject of the inquiry is one which occurred while the accused was under
13	such supervision;
14	(e) at no time shall such notification be used for any purpose other
15	than those specified in this subdivision, provided, however, that infor-
16	mation regarding an order of protection or temporary order of protection
17	issued pursuant to section 530.12 of this part or a warrant issued in
18	connection therewith may be maintained on the statewide automated order
19	of protection and warrant registry established pursuant to section two
20	hundred twenty-one-a of the executive law during the period that such
21	order of protection or temporary order of protection is in full force
22	and effect or during which such warrant may be executed. Such confiden-
23	tial information may be made available pursuant to law only for purposes
24	of adjudicating or enforcing such order of protection or temporary order
25	of protection; and
26	(f) where fingerprints subject to the provisions of this section have
27	been received by the division of criminal justice services and have been
28	filed by the division as digital images, such images may be retained,
29	provided that a fingerprint card of the individual is on file with the
30	division which was not sealed pursuant to this section or section 160.50
31	<u>of this chapter.</u>
32	§ 8. The criminal procedure law is amended by adding a new section
33	440.48 to read as follows:
34	<u>§ 440.48 Resentencing; youthful offender.</u>
35	1. Any person under the age of twenty-two at the time the crime was
36	committed who was convicted of a misdemeanor or violation offense who
37	would have been considered an "eligible youth" pursuant to subdivision
38	one of section 720.10 of this chapter and an "eligible young adult"
39	pursuant to subdivision one of section 721.10 of this chapter after the
40	effective date of this section shall have their conviction automatically
41	replaced with a youthful offender adjudication or young adult offender
42	adjudication within six months of such date. The division of criminal
43	justice services shall establish standards to ensure that such process
44	occurs automatically for all persons prior to such six month deadline.
45	2. Any person under the age of twenty-two at the time the crime was
46	committed who would have been considered an "eligible youth" pursuant to
47	subdivision one of section 720.10 of this chapter and an "eligible young
48	adult" pursuant to subdivision one of section 721.10 of this chapter
49	after the effective date of this section, upon notice to the appropriate
50	district attorney, may petition to be resentenced to a youthful offender
51	adjudication or young adult offender adjudication in accordance with
52	articles seven hundred twenty and seven hundred twenty-one of this chap-
53	ter in the court which imposed such sentence. Even if a person is eligi-
54	ble for automatic youthful offender adjudication or young adult offender
55	adjudication sealing pursuant to subdivision one of this section, such

2	person may still petition the court for resentencing prior to the six
2	month period described in subdivision one of this section.
3	3. The court shall consider the factors outlined in subdivision one of
4	section 720.20 and subdivision one of section 721.20 of this chapter in
5	determining whether or not a person who would have been an eligible
б	youth may or shall be granted youthful offender status or young adult
7	offender status for the prior conviction.
8	(a) In cases where granting youthful offender status or young adult
9	offender status is discretionary and not required by paragraph (a) of
10	subdivision one of section 720.20 or paragraph (a) of subdivision one of
11	section 721.20 of this chapter, the court shall also consider any addi-
12	tional evidence presented by the person seeking resentencing, including:
13	(i) the amount of time that has elapsed since the petitioner's last
14	conviction;
15	(ii) the character of the petitioner, including any measures that he
16	or she has taken towards rehabilitation, such as participating in treat-
17	ment programs, work, or schooling, and participating in community
18	service or other volunteer programs;
19	(iii) the circumstances and seriousness of the offense for which the
20	petitioner is seeking relief;
20 21	(iv) the impact of sealing the petitioner's record upon his or her
21 22	rehabilitation and upon his or her successful and productive reentry and
22 23	reintegration into society; and
24 25	(v) the impact of collateral consequences of the conviction on the
25	defendant and his or her family.
26	(b) The district attorney may challenge the presumption to grant
27	youthful offender status pursuant to paragraph (c) of subdivision one of
28	section 720.20 and paragraph (c) of subdivision one of section 721.20 of
29	this chapter.
30	§ 9. The criminal procedure law is amended by adding a new article 726
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1	4. "First offender adjudication" means an adjudication comprised of a
2	first offender finding and the first offender sentence imposed thereon
3	and is completed by imposition and entry of the first offender sentence.
4	§ 726.20 First offender status determination; when and how made; proce-
5	dure thereupon.
6	1. Upon conviction of an eligible first offender, the court must order
7	a pre-sentence investigation of the defendant. After receipt of a writ-
8	ten report of the investigation and at the time of pronouncing sentence
9	the court must determine whether or not the eligible defendant shall
10	receive first offender status. Such determination shall be in accordance
11	with the following criteria:
12	(a) If the eliqible first offender is charged with a violation or a
13	misdemeanor offense, the court shall find that he or she is a first
14^{13}	offender;
15	(b) In all other cases, if in the opinion of the court the interest of
16	justice would be served by relieving the eligible offender from the onus
17	of a criminal record and the attendant collateral consequences of that
18	permanent criminal record, the court may, in its discretion, find the
19	eligible offender is a first offender; and
20	(c) There shall be a presumption to grant first offender status to an
21	eligible first offender, unless the district attorney upon motion with
22	not less than seven days' notice to such person or his or her attorney
23	demonstrates to the satisfaction of the court that the interest of
24	justice require otherwise.
25	2. When an authorized court determines, pursuant to subdivision one of
26	this section, that the defendant is an eligible first offender, the
27	following sentences may be imposed:
28	(a) An authorized prison sentence pursuant to article seventy of the
29	penal law;
30	(b) An authorized sentence of probation, conditional discharge, or
31	unconditional discharge pursuant to article sixty-five of the penal law;
32	or
33	(c) Any other authorized disposition pursuant to article sixty of the
34	penal law.
35	§ 726.30 First offender adjudication; post-judgment motions and appeal.
36	The provisions of this chapter, governing the making and determination
37	of post-judgment motions and the taking and determination of appeals in
38	criminal cases, apply to post judgment motions and appeals with respect
39	to first offender adjudications wherever such provisions can reasonably
40	be so applied.
41	§ 726.35 First offender adjudication; effect thereof; records.
42	1. A first offender adjudication is not a judgment of conviction for a
43	crime or any other offense, and does not operate as a disqualification
44	of any person so adjudged to hold public office or public employment or
45	to receive any license granted by public authority but shall be deemed a
46	conviction only for the purposes of transfer of supervision and custody
47	pursuant to section two hundred fifty-nine-m of the executive law.
48	2. Except where specifically required or permitted by statute or upon
49	specific authorization of the court, upon receipt of notification of a
50	first offender adjudication:
51	(a) every photograph of such offender and photographic plate or proof,
52	and all palmprints and fingerprints taken or made of such first offender
53	pursuant to the provisions of this article in regard to the action or
54	proceeding terminated, and all duplicates and copies thereof, except a
55	digital fingerprint image where authorized pursuant to paragraph (e) of
56	this subdivision, shall forthwith be, at the discretion of the recipient

agency, either destroyed or returned to such first offender, or to the 1 attorney who represented the first offender at the time of the termi-2 3 nation of the action or proceeding, at the address given by such person 4 or attorney during the action or proceeding, by the division of criminal 5 justice services and by any police department or law enforcement agency б having any such photograph, photographic plate or proof, palmprints or 7 fingerprints in its possession or under its control; 8 (b) any police department or law enforcement agency, including the division of criminal justice services, which transmitted or otherwise 9 10 forwarded to any agency of the United States or of any other state or of 11 any other jurisdiction outside the state of New York copies of any such photographs, photographic plates or proofs, palmprints and fingerprints, 12 13 shall formally request in writing that all such copies be destroyed or 14 returned to the police department or law enforcement agency which transmitted or forwarded them, and upon such return such department or agency 15 16 shall, at its discretion, either destroy or return them as provided 17 under this subdivision; (c) all official records and papers relating to the arrest or prose-18 19 cution, including all duplicates and copies thereof, on file with the 20 division of criminal justice services, police agency, or prosecutor's 21 office shall be sealed and not made available to any person or public or 22 private agency; (d) the records referred to in paragraph (c) of this subdivision shall 23 24 be made available to the accused first offender or to such first 25 offender's designated agent, and shall be made available to (i) a prose-26 cutor in any proceeding in which the accused has moved for an order 27 pursuant to section 170.56 or 210.46 of this chapter, or (ii) a law enforcement agency upon ex parte motion in any superior court, or in any 28 29 district court, city court or the criminal court of the city of New York 30 provided that such court sealed the record, if such agency demonstrates 31 to the satisfaction of the court that justice requires that such records 32 be made available to it, or (iii) any state or local officer or agency 33 with responsibility for the issuance of licenses to possess guns, when the accused has made application for such a license, or (iv) the New 34 35 York state department of corrections and community supervision when the accused is under parole supervision as a result of conditional release 36 or parole release granted by the New York state board of parole and the 37 38 arrest which is the subject of the inquiry is one which occurred while 39 the accused was under such supervision, or (v) the probation department 40 responsible for supervision of the accused when the arrest which is the 41 subject of the inquiry is one which occurred while the accused was under 42 such supervision; (e) at no time shall such notification be used for any purpose other 43 44 than those specified in this subdivision, provided, however, that infor-45 mation regarding an order of protection or temporary order of protection 46 issued pursuant to section 530.12 of this part or a warrant issued in 47 connection therewith may be maintained on the statewide automated order of protection and warrant registry established pursuant to section two 48 hundred twenty-one-a of the executive law during the period that such 49 order of protection or temporary order of protection is in full force 50 51 and effect or during which such warrant may be executed. Such confiden-52 tial information may be made available pursuant to law only for purposes 53 of adjudicating or enforcing such order of protection or temporary order of protection; and 54

55 (f) where fingerprints subject to the provisions of this section have 56 been received by the division of criminal justice services and have been

filed by the division as digital images, such images may be retained, 1 provided that a fingerprint card of the individual is on file with the 2 division which was not sealed pursuant to this section or section 160.50 3 4 of this chapter. 5 § 10. Subdivision 2 of section 60.00 of the penal law, as added by б chapter 481 of the laws of 1978, is amended to read as follows: 7 2. The sole provision of this article that shall apply in the case of 8 an offense committed by a juvenile offender or a defendant adjudicated a youthful offender or young adult is section 60.10 of this article and no 9 10 other provisions of this article shall be deemed or construed to apply 11 in any such case. § 11. Subdivisions 1 and 3 of section 60.02 of the penal law, as 12 13 amended by chapter 471 of the laws of 1980, and subdivision 3 as amended 14 by section 1 of part Y of chapter 56 of the laws of 2008, are amended to 15 read as follows: 16 (1) If the sentence is to be imposed upon a youthful offender finding which has been substituted for a conviction of an offense other than a 17 18 felony, the court must impose a sentence authorized for the offense for which the youthful offender finding was substituted [, except that if the 19 youthful offender finding was entered pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision one of section 720.20 of the criminal procedure law, the 20 21 court must not impose a definite or intermittent sentence of imprison-22 ment with a term of more than six months]; or 23 (3) The provisions of section 60.35 of this article shall **not** apply to 24 25 a sentence imposed upon a juvenile offender conviction, a youthful 26 offender finding, or a young adult offender finding [and the amount of 27 the mandatory surcharge and crime victim assistance fee which shall be levied at sentenging shall be equal to the amount specified in such 28 section for the offense of conviction for which the youthful offender 29 30 finding was substituted; provided, however that the court shall not 31 impose the sex offender registration fee, DNA databank fee or supple-32 mental sex offender victim fee, as defined in subparagraphs (iv) and (v) 33 of paragraph (a) and paragraph (b) of subdivision one of section 60.35 of this article, for an offense in which the conviction was substituted 34 35 with a youthful offender finding]. 36 § 12. Subdivision 4 of section 80.00 of the penal law, as amended by 37 chapter 338 of the laws of 1989, is amended to read as follows: 38 4. Exception. The provisions of this section shall not apply to a 39 corporation, or eligible youth as defined in article 720.10 of the crim-40 <u>inal procedure law</u>. 41 § 13. Subdivision 6 of section 80.05 of the penal law is amended to 42 read as follows: 43 6. Exception. The provisions of this section shall not apply to a 44 corporation, or eligible youth as defined in article 720.10 of the crim-45 inal procedure law. 46 § 14. This act shall take effect on the first of November next 47 succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law and shall apply to any criminal case pending on such effective date. 48