

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. REICHLIN-MELNICK -- read twice and ordered printed,  
and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the criminal procedure law, in relation to permitting  
the electronic appearance of a defendant in the county of Rockland

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 182.20 of the criminal procedure  
2 law, as amended by chapter 332 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read  
3 as follows:

4 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law and except as provided  
5 in section 182.30 of this article, the court, in its discretion, may  
6 dispense with the personal appearance of the defendant, except an  
7 appearance at a hearing or trial, and conduct an electronic appearance  
8 in connection with a criminal action pending in Albany, Bronx, Broome,  
9 Erie, Kings, New York, Niagara, Oneida, Onondaga, Ontario, Orange,  
10 Putnam, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, St. Lawrence, Tompkins, Chautauqua,  
11 Cattaraugus, Clinton, Essex, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Warren, Westches-  
12 ter, Suffolk, Herkimer or Franklin county, provided that the chief  
13 administrator of the courts has authorized the use of electronic appear-  
14 ance and the defendant, after consultation with counsel, consents on the  
15 record. Such consent shall be required at the commencement of each elec-  
16 tronic appearance to such electronic appearance.

17 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, the  
18 amendments to subdivision 1 of section 182.20 of the criminal procedure  
19 law made by section one of this act shall not affect the repeal of such  
20 section and shall be deemed repealed therewith.

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

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