STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

October 27, 2021

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

AN ACT to amend the domestic relations law, in relation to informing the parties in certain judgments or decrees that resuming the use of their former surname is permitted by operation of law

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

Section 1. Section 240-a of the domestic relations law, as amended by chapter 398 of the laws of 1997, is amended to read as follows:

§ 240-a. Judgment or decree; additional [~~provision~~] requirements. In any action or proceeding brought under the provisions of this chapter wherein all or part of the relief granted is divorce or annulment of a marriage any interlocutory or final judgment or decree shall contain, as a part thereof, the social security numbers of the named parties in the action or proceeding[~~, as well as a provision that each party may resume~~]. Each interlocutory or final judgment or decree shall be accompanied by a separate notice which shall not be a part thereof informing the parties that resuming the use of [~~his or her~~] a premarriage surname or any other former surname is permitted by operation of law. Such notice shall not bear or require any signature or seal. No interlocutory or final judgment or decree or other documents related to the action or proceeding shall include a provision regarding an individual resuming the use of a former surname, nor shall any interlocutory or final judgment or decree require the agreement or consent by one party for the other party to resume use of a former surname.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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