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Introduced by M. of A. DINOWITZ -- read once and referred to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the civil practice law and rules, in relation to when third-party practice is allowed

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

Section 1. Section 1007 of the civil practice law and rules, as amended by chapter 216 of the laws of 1992, is amended to read as 3 follows:

§ 1007. When third-party practice allowed. After the service of [his] the answer but no later than filing the note of issue and twenty days, unless consented to by the parties or, upon written application of any of the parties in the main action, the court, in its discretion, extends such time for good cause for the delay, a defendant may [proceed against a person not a party who is or may be liable to that defendant for all 10 or part of the plaintiff's claim against that defendant, | implead a 11 third-party by filing pursuant to section three hundred four of this chapter a third-party summons and complaint with the clerk of the court 12 in the county in which the main action is pending, for which a separate 14 index number shall not be issued but a separate index number fee shall 15 be collected. The third-party summons and complaint and all prior pleadings served in the action shall be served upon such person within one hundred twenty days of the filing. A defendant serving a third-party 17 complaint shall be styled a third-party plaintiff and the person so 18 served shall be styled a third-party defendant. The defendant shall also 19 20 serve a copy of such third-party complaint upon the plaintiff's attorney simultaneously upon issuance for service of the third-party complaint on 22 the third-party defendant.

2. This act shall take effect on the first of September next 23 succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law and shall be 25 applicable to all actions commenced on and after such date.

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

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