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AN ACT to repeal section 240.37 of the penal law, relating to loitering for the purpose of engaging in a prostitution offense; and to amend the penal law, the criminal procedure law, the social services law and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to making technical corrections relating thereto

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

1 Section 1. The repeal of section 240.37 of the penal law, as effected
2 by section two of this act, is hereby declared to be ameliorative, and
3 it is the intent of the legislature that no prosecution under such
4 section be commenced, continued, or refiled.
5 § 2. Section 240.37 of the penal law is REPEALED.
6 § 3. Section 230.01 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 189 of the
7 laws of 2018, is amended to read as follows:
8 § 230.01 Prostitution; affirmative defense.
9 In any prosecution under section 230.00, section 230.03, section
10 230.19, section 230.20, subdivision 2 of section 230.25, subdivision 2
11 of section 230.30[~~r~~] or section 230.34-a [~~or subdivision two of section~~
12 ~~240.37~~] of this [~~part~~] article, it is an affirmative defense that the
13 defendant's participation in the offense was a result of having been a
14 victim of compelling prostitution under section 230.33 of this article,
15 a victim of sex trafficking under section 230.34 of this article, a
16 victim of sex trafficking of a child under section 230.34-a of this

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

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1 article or a victim of trafficking in persons under the trafficking
2 victims protection act (United States Code, Title 22, Chapter 78).

3 § 4. Section 60.47 of the criminal procedure law, as added by section
4 2 of part I of chapter 57 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as
5 follows:

6 § 60.47 Possession of condoms; receipt into evidence.

7 Evidence that a person was in possession of one or more condoms may
8 not be admitted at any trial, hearing, or other proceeding in a prose-
9 cution for section 230.00 [~~or section 240.37~~] of the penal law for the
10 purpose of establishing probable cause for an arrest or proving any
11 person's commission or attempted commission of such offense.

12 § 5. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subdivision 1 of section 160.10 of the
13 criminal procedure law, paragraph (c) as amended by chapter 762 of the
14 laws of 1971 and paragraph (d) as amended by chapter 232 of the laws of
15 2010, are amended to read as follows:

16 (c) A misdemeanor defined outside the penal law which would constitute
17 a felony if such person had a previous judgment of conviction for a
18 crime[~~, or~~

19 ~~(d) Loitering for the purpose of engaging in a prostitution offense as~~
20 ~~defined in subdivision two of section 240.37 of the penal law].~~

21 § 6. Subdivision 4 of section 170.30 of the criminal procedure law, as
22 added by chapter 402 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as follows:

23 4. After arraignment upon an information, a simplified information, a
24 prosecutor's information or misdemeanor complaint on a charge of prosti-
25 tution pursuant to section 230.00 of the penal law [~~or loitering for the~~
26 ~~purposes of prostitution pursuant to subdivision two of section 240.37~~
27 ~~of the penal law, provided that the person does not stand charged with~~
28 ~~loitering for the purpose of patronizing a prostitute, where such~~
29 ~~offense allegedly occurred when the person was sixteen or seventeen~~
30 ~~years of age,]~~ the local criminal court may dismiss such charge in its
31 discretion in the interest of justice on the ground that a defendant
32 participated in services provided to him or her.

33 § 7. The opening paragraph of subdivision 1 of section 170.80 of the
34 criminal procedure law, as amended by chapter 402 of the laws of 2014,
35 is amended to read as follows:

36 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, at any time at or after
37 arraignment on a charge of prostitution pursuant to section 230.00 of
38 the penal law [~~or loitering for the purposes of prostitution pursuant to~~
39 ~~subdivision two of section 240.37 of the penal law, provided that the~~
40 ~~person does not stand charged with loitering for the purpose of patron-~~
41 ~~izing a prostitute, where such offense allegedly occurred when the~~
42 ~~person was sixteen or seventeen years of age except where~~], after
43 consultation with counsel, a knowing and voluntary plea of guilty has
44 been entered to such charge, any judge or justice hearing any stage of
45 such case may, upon consent of the defendant after consultation with
46 counsel:

47 § 8. Subdivision 2 of section 420.35 of the criminal procedure law, as
48 amended by chapter 144 of the laws of 2020, is amended to read as
49 follows:

50 2. Except as provided in this subdivision or subdivision two-a of this
51 section, under no circumstances shall the mandatory surcharge, sex
52 offender registration fee, DNA databank fee or the crime victim assist-
53 ance fee be waived. A court shall waive any mandatory surcharge, DNA
54 databank fee and crime victim assistance fee when: (i) [~~the defendant is~~
55 ~~convicted of loitering for the purpose of engaging in prostitution under~~
56 ~~section 240.37 of the penal law (provided that the defendant was not~~

1 ~~convicted of loitering for the purpose of patronizing a person for pros-~~
2 ~~titution), (ii)]~~ the defendant is convicted of prostitution under
3 section 230.00 of the penal law; [~~(iii)] (ii)~~ the defendant is convicted
4 of a violation in the event such conviction is in lieu of a plea to or
5 conviction for [~~loitering for the purpose of engaging in prostitution~~
6 ~~under section 240.37 of the penal law (provided that the defendant was~~
7 ~~not alleged to be loitering for the purpose of patronizing a person for~~
8 ~~prostitution) or]~~ prostitution under section 230.00 of the penal law;
9 [~~or (iv)] (iii)~~ the court finds that a defendant is a victim of sex
10 trafficking under section 230.34 of the penal law or a victim of traf-
11 ficking in persons under the trafficking victims protection act (United
12 States Code, Title 22, Chapter 78); or [~~(v)] (iv)~~ the court finds that
13 the defendant is a victim of sex trafficking of a child under section
14 230.34-a of the penal law.

15 § 9. Subdivision 4 of section 720.15 of the criminal procedure law, as
16 added by chapter 402 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as follows:

17 4. Notwithstanding any provision in this article, a person charged
18 with prostitution as defined in section 230.00 of the penal law [~~or~~
19 ~~loitering for the purposes of prostitution as defined in subdivision two~~
20 ~~of section 240.37 of the penal law, provided that the person does not~~
21 ~~stand charged with loitering for the purpose of patronizing a prosti-~~
22 ~~tute, and such person is aged sixteen or seventeen when such offense~~
23 ~~occurred,~~] regardless of whether such person (i) had prior to commence-
24 ment of trial or entry of a plea of guilty been convicted of a crime or
25 found a youthful offender, or (ii) subsequent to such conviction for
26 prostitution [~~or loitering for prostitution]~~ is convicted of a crime or
27 found a youthful offender, the provisions of subdivisions one and two of
28 this section requiring or authorizing the accusatory instrument filed
29 against a youth to be sealed, and the arraignment and all proceedings in
30 the action to be conducted in private shall apply.

31 § 10. Subdivision 1 of section 720.35 of the criminal procedure law,
32 as amended by chapter 402 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as
33 follows:

34 1. A youthful offender adjudication is not a judgment of conviction
35 for a crime or any other offense, and does not operate as a disquali-
36 fication of any person so adjudged to hold public office or public
37 employment or to receive any license granted by public authority but
38 shall be deemed a conviction only for the purposes of transfer of super-
39 vision and custody pursuant to section two hundred fifty-nine-m of the
40 executive law. A defendant for whom a youthful offender adjudication was
41 substituted, who was originally charged with prostitution as defined in
42 section 230.00 of the penal law [~~or loitering for the purposes of pros-~~
43 ~~titution as defined in subdivision two of section 240.37 of the penal~~
44 ~~law provided that the person does not stand charged with loitering for~~
45 ~~the purpose of patronizing a prostitute, for an offense allegedly~~
46 ~~committed when he or she was sixteen or seventeen years of age], shall
47 be deemed a "sexually exploited child" as defined in subdivision one of
48 section four hundred forty-seven-a of the social services law and there-
49 fore shall not be considered an adult for purposes related to the charg-
50 es in the youthful offender proceeding or a proceeding under section
51 170.80 of this chapter.~~

52 § 11. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subdivision 1 of section 447-a of the
53 social services law, as amended by chapter 189 of the laws of 2018, are
54 amended to read as follows:

55 (c) is a victim of the crime of compelling prostitution as defined in
56 section 230.33 of the penal law;

1 (d) engages in acts or conduct described in article two hundred
2 sixty-three [~~or section 240.37~~] of the penal law.

3 § 12. The third undesignated paragraph of subdivision a of section
4 3-118 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by
5 chapter 189 of the laws of 2018, is amended to read as follows:

6 Sexually exploited youth. The term "sexually exploited youth" means
7 persons under the age of 18 who have been subject to sexual exploitation
8 because they (a) are the victim of the crime of sex trafficking as
9 defined in section 230.34 of the penal law; (b) engage in any act as
10 defined in section 230.00 of the penal law; (c) are a victim of the
11 crime of compelling prostitution as defined in section 230.33 of the
12 penal law; (d) are a victim of the crime of sex trafficking of a child
13 as defined in section 230.34-a of the penal law; or (e) engage in acts
14 or conduct described in article [~~263 or section 240.37~~] two hundred
15 sixty-three of the penal law. The term shall also mean persons under
16 the age of 18 who have been subject to incest in the third degree,
17 second degree or first degree, as defined in sections 255.25, 255.26,
18 and 255.27 of the penal law, respectively, or any of the sex offenses
19 enumerated in article [~~130~~] one hundred thirty of the penal law.

20 § 13. The opening paragraph of subdivision 1 and subdivisions 2 and 3
21 of section 160.55 of the criminal procedure law, the opening paragraph
22 of subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 359 of the laws of 2019, subdivi-
23 sion 2 as amended by chapter 476 of the laws of 2009 and subdivision 3
24 as amended by chapter 249 of the laws of 1981 and renumbered by chapter
25 142 of the laws of 1991, are amended to read as follows:

26 Regardless of the class of offense for which a person is initially
27 charged, upon the termination of a criminal action or proceeding against
28 a person by the conviction of such person of a traffic infraction or a
29 violation, other than [~~a violation of loitering as described in para-~~
30 ~~graph (d) of subdivision one of section 160.10 of this article or~~] the
31 violation of operating a motor vehicle while ability impaired as
32 described in subdivision one of section eleven hundred ninety-two of the
33 vehicle and traffic law, unless the district attorney upon motion with
34 not less than five days' notice to such person or his or her attorney
35 demonstrates to the satisfaction of the court that the interests of
36 justice require otherwise, or the court on its own motion with not less
37 than five days' notice to such person or his or her attorney determines
38 that the interests of justice require otherwise and states the reasons
39 for such determination on the record, the clerk of the court wherein
40 such criminal action or proceeding was terminated shall immediately
41 notify the commissioner of the division of criminal justice services and
42 the heads of all appropriate police departments and other law enforce-
43 ment agencies that the action has been terminated by such conviction.
44 Upon receipt of notification of such termination:

45 2. A report of the termination of the action or proceeding by
46 conviction of a traffic violation or a violation other than [~~a violation~~
47 ~~of loitering as described in paragraph (d) or (e) of subdivision one of~~
48 ~~section 160.10 of this title or~~] the violation of operating a motor
49 vehicle while ability impaired as described in subdivision one of
50 section eleven hundred ninety-two of the vehicle and traffic law, shall
51 be sufficient notice of sealing to the commissioner of the division of
52 criminal justice services unless the report also indicates that the
53 court directed that the record not be sealed in the interests of
54 justice. Where the court has determined pursuant to subdivision one of
55 this section that sealing is not in the interests of justice, the clerk
56 of the court shall include notification of that determination in any

1 report to such division of the disposition of the action or proceeding.
2 When the defendant has been found guilty of a violation of harassment in
3 the second degree and it was determined pursuant to subdivision eight-a
4 of section 170.10 of this title that such violation was committed
5 against a member of the same family or household as the defendant, the
6 clerk of the court shall include notification of that determination in
7 any report to such division of the disposition of the action or proceed-
8 ing for purposes of paragraph (a) and subparagraph (vi) of paragraph (d)
9 of subdivision one of this section.

10 3. A person against whom a criminal action or proceeding was termi-
11 nated by such person's conviction of a traffic infraction or violation
12 other than [~~a violation of loitering as described in paragraph (d) or~~
13 ~~(e) of subdivision one of section 160.10 of this chapter or~~] the
14 violation of operating a motor vehicle while ability impaired as
15 described in subdivision one of section eleven hundred ninety-two of the
16 vehicle and traffic law, prior to the effective date of this section,
17 may upon motion apply to the court in which such termination occurred,
18 upon not less than twenty days notice to the district attorney, for an
19 order granting to such person the relief set forth in subdivision one of
20 this section, and such order shall be granted unless the district attor-
21 ney demonstrates to the satisfaction of the court that the interests of
22 justice require otherwise.

23 § 14. Subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (k) of subdivision 3 of section
24 160.50 of the criminal procedure law, as amended by chapter 132 of the
25 laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

26 (iii) the conviction is for an offense defined in section 221.05 or
27 221.10 of the penal law; or

28 (iv) the conviction was for an offense defined in section 240.37 of
29 the penal law.

30 § 15. This act shall take effect immediately.