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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. BIAGGI, GOUNARDES, KAMINSKY, KAPLAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the criminal procedure law, in relation to sealed prior domestic violence cases

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subdivision 1 of section 160.50 of the  
2 criminal procedure law, as amended by chapter 449 of the laws of 2015,  
3 is amended to read as follows:  
4 (d) such records shall be made available to the person accused or to  
5 such person's designated agent, and shall be made available to (i) a  
6 prosecutor in any proceeding in which the accused has moved for an order  
7 pursuant to section 170.56 or 210.46 of this chapter, or (ii) a law  
8 enforcement agency or a prosecutor upon ex parte motion in any superior  
9 court, or in any district court, city court or the criminal court of the  
10 city of New York provided that such court sealed the record, if such  
11 agency or prosecutor demonstrates to the satisfaction of the court that  
12 justice requires that such records be made available to it, or (iii) any  
13 state or local officer or agency with responsibility for the issuance of  
14 licenses to possess guns, when the accused has made application for such  
15 a license, or (iv) the New York state department of corrections and  
16 community supervision when the accused is on parole supervision as a  
17 result of conditional release or a parole release granted by the New  
18 York state board of parole, and the arrest which is the subject of the  
19 inquiry is one which occurred while the accused was under such super-  
20 vision, or (v) any prospective employer of a police officer or peace  
21 officer as those terms are defined in subdivisions thirty-three and  
22 thirty-four of section 1.20 of this chapter, in relation to an applica-  
23 tion for employment as a police officer or peace officer; provided,

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

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1 however, that every person who is an applicant for the position of  
2 police officer or peace officer shall be furnished with a copy of all  
3 records obtained under this paragraph and afforded an opportunity to  
4 make an explanation thereto, or (vi) the probation department responsi-  
5 ble for supervision of the accused when the arrest which is the subject  
6 of the inquiry is one which occurred while the accused was under such  
7 supervision; and

8 § 2. Paragraph (d) of subdivision 1 of section 160.55 of the criminal  
9 procedure law, as amended by chapter 449 of the laws of 2015, is amended  
10 to read as follows:

11 (d) the records referred to in paragraph (c) of this subdivision shall  
12 be made available to the person accused or to such person's designated  
13 agent, and shall be made available to (i) a prosecutor in any proceeding  
14 in which the accused has moved for an order pursuant to section 170.56  
15 or 210.46 of this chapter, or (ii) a law enforcement agency or a prose-  
16 cutor upon ex parte motion in any superior court, or in any district  
17 court, city court or the criminal court of the city of New York provided  
18 that such court sealed the record, if such agency or prosecutor demon-  
19 strates to the satisfaction of the court that justice requires that such  
20 records be made available to it, or (iii) any state or local officer or  
21 agency with responsibility for the issuance of licenses to possess guns,  
22 when the accused has made application for such a license, or (iv) the  
23 New York state department of corrections and community supervision when  
24 the accused is under parole supervision as a result of conditional  
25 release or parole release granted by the New York state board of parole  
26 and the arrest which is the subject of the inquiry is one which occurred  
27 while the accused was under such supervision, or (v) the probation  
28 department responsible for supervision of the accused when the arrest  
29 which is the subject of the inquiry is one which occurred while the  
30 accused was under such supervision, or (vi) a police agency, probation  
31 department, sheriff's office, district attorney's office, department of  
32 correction of any municipality and parole department, for law enforce-  
33 ment purposes, upon arrest in instances in which the individual stands  
34 convicted of harassment in the second degree, as defined in section  
35 240.26 of the penal law, committed against a member of the same family  
36 or household as the defendant, as defined in subdivision one of section  
37 530.11 of this chapter, and determined pursuant to subdivision eight-a  
38 of section 170.10 of this title; and

39 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.