

# 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:

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

3 § 240-a. Judgment or decree; additional [~~provision~~] requirements. In  
4 any action or proceeding brought under the provisions of this chapter  
5 wherein all or part of the relief granted is divorce or annulment of a  
6 marriage any interlocutory or final judgment or decree shall contain, as  
7 a part thereof, the social security numbers of the named parties in the  
8 action or proceeding[~~, as well as a provision that each party may~~  
9 ~~resume~~]. Each interlocutory or final judgment or decree shall be accom-  
10 panied by a separate notice which shall not be a part thereof informing  
11 the parties that resuming the use of [~~his or her~~] a premarriage surname  
12 or any other former surname is permitted by operation of law. Such  
13 notice shall not bear or require any signature or seal. No interlocuto-  
14 ry or final judgment or decree or other documents related to the action  
15 or proceeding shall include a provision regarding an individual resuming  
16 the use of a former surname, nor shall any interlocutory or final judg-  
17 ment or decree require the agreement or consent by one party for the  
18 other party to resume use of a former surname.

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

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

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