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AN ACT to amend the criminal procedure law, in relation to the issuance of temporary orders of protection when an action is pending in a local criminal court

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

1 Section 1. The criminal procedure law is amended by adding a new
2 section 530.15 to read as follows:

3 § 530.15 Temporary order of protection hearing.

4 Where a court has issued a temporary order of protection pursuant to
5 subdivision one of section 530.12 of this article or subdivision one of
6 section 530.13 of this article, upon application of a defendant, the
7 court shall hold an evidentiary hearing where the prosecutor must show,
8 by an articulated reasonable basis, that the temporary order of
9 protection is likely to achieve its purpose in the absence of such a
10 condition, of protecting a designated witness or complainant from intim-
11 idation or injury.

12 (a) The defendant shall be entitled to such hearing within five busi-
13 ness days of requesting such hearing. Notice must be given by the court
14 to both parties, as well as the party protected by the order of
15 protection, in advance of the hearing. Such notice shall detail the
16 rights of the protected party with respect to the hearing and describe
17 the different types of temporary orders of protection available.

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

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1 (b) At the hearing, the prosecution must present relevant witness
2 testimony, or admissible evidence, subject to cross-examination, though
3 the witness need not be the party protected by the order. Hearsay is
4 admissible.

5 (c) The court shall state on the record or in writing its findings of
6 facts and conclusions of law, the reasons for maintaining, vacating, or
7 modifying the temporary order of protection, and, where applicable, why
8 the temporary order of protection is necessary to achieve its purpose in
9 the absence of such a condition, of protecting a designated witness or
10 complainant from intimidation or injury.

11 § 2. Section 530.30 of the criminal procedure law, the section heading
12 and subdivisions 1 and 2 as amended by section 17 of part JJJ of chapter
13 59 of the laws of 2019, the closing paragraph of subdivision 1 as
14 amended by section 7 of subpart A of part VV of chapter 56 of the laws
15 of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

16 § 530.30 Order of recognizance, release under non-monetary conditions or
17 bail or issuance of a temporary order of protection; by supe-
18 rior court judge when action is pending in local criminal
19 court.

20 1. When a criminal action is pending in a local criminal court, other
21 than one consisting of a superior court judge sitting as such, a judge
22 of a superior court holding a term thereof in the county, upon applica-
23 tion of a defendant, may order recognizance, release under non-monetary
24 conditions or, where authorized, bail when such local criminal court:

25 (a) Lacks authority to issue such an order, pursuant to the relevant
26 provisions of section 530.20 of this article; or

27 (b) Has denied an application for recognizance, release under non-mon-
28 etary conditions or bail; or

29 (c) Has fixed bail, where authorized, which is excessive; or

30 (d) Has set a securing order of release under non-monetary conditions
31 which are more restrictive than necessary to reasonably assure the
32 defendant's return to court.

33 In such case, such superior court judge may vacate the order of such
34 local criminal court and release the defendant on recognizance or under
35 non-monetary conditions, or where authorized, fix bail in a lesser
36 amount or in a less burdensome form, or order non-monetary conditions in
37 conjunction with fixing bail, including fixing bail in a lesser amount
38 or in a less burdensome form, the determination for which shall be made
39 in accordance with section 510.10 of this title. The court shall explain
40 the basis for its determination and choice of securing order on the
41 record or in writing.

42 2. When a criminal action is pending in a local criminal court, other
43 than one consisting of a superior court judge sitting as such, and the
44 local criminal court has denied a request to modify or limit a temporary
45 order of protection issued pursuant to subdivision one of section 530.12
46 of this article or subdivision one of section 530.13 of this article,
47 upon application of a defendant, a judge of the superior court holding a
48 term thereof in the county shall review the determination of the local
49 criminal court de novo and may vacate or modify the order of the local
50 criminal court. A court's failure to comply with the requirements of
51 section 530.15 of this article is reviewable under this section.

52 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision one or two of this
53 section, when the defendant is charged with a felony in a local criminal
54 court, a superior court judge may not order recognizance, release under
55 non-monetary conditions or, where authorized, bail, or vacate or modify
56 a temporary order of protection unless and until the district attorney

1 has had an opportunity to be heard in the matter and such judge and
2 counsel for the defendant have been furnished with a report as described
3 in subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (b) of subdivision two of section
4 530.20 of this article.

5 [~~3~~] 4. Not more than one application may be made pursuant to each
6 subdivision of this section.

7 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.