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Introduced by M. of A. BURDICK -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes -- recommitted to the Committee on Codes in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to prohibiting the disclosure of a sexual assault victim's DNA or RNA evidence; and to amend the criminal procedure law, in relation to limiting the use of a sexual assault victim's DNA or RNA evidence

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

Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 838-c to read as follows:

§ 838-c. Disclosure of a sexual assault victim's DNA or RNA evidence. 1. No person, including a police officer or peace officer, a public officer or public employee, or an employee or agent of a hospital or a criminal or private testing facility or laboratory, shall:

(a) enter into any international, federal, state or municipal criminal database evidence of a sexual assault victim's deoxyribonucleic acid ("DNA") profile or ribonucleic acid ("RNA") profile that was obtained during the investigation of an offense described in article one hundred thirty of the penal law or treatment of the sexual assault victim following the commission of an offense described in article one hundred thirty of the penal law; or

(b) access or utilize evidence of a sexual assault victim's DNA profile or RNA profile that was obtained as described in paragraph (a) of this subdivision during an investigation or prosecution of the sexual assault victim for any offense or attempt to commit an offense unconnected to the sexual assault, regardless of when such offense or attempt to commit the offense occurred.

2. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the inclusion of a sexual assault victim's DNA or RNA evidence:

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

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(a) in a non-criminal missing persons database; or

(b) in a criminal database if the sexual assault victim, or the victim's parent, guardian or legal representative consents to the inclusion in writing.

§ 2. The criminal procedure law is amended by adding a new section 60.77 to read as follows:

§ 60.77 Rules of evidence; use of a sexual assault victim's DNA or RNA evidence in certain cases.

1. Evidence of a sexual assault victim's deoxyribonucleic acid ("DNA") profile or ribonucleic acid ("RNA") profile that was obtained during the investigation of an offense described in article one hundred thirty of the penal law or treatment of the sexual assault victim following the commission of an offense described in article one hundred thirty of the penal law shall not be admissible in a prosecution of the victim for any offense or an attempt to commit an offense unrelated to the sexual assault, regardless of when such offense or attempt to commit the offense occurred.

2. Evidence that resulted from a violation of subdivision one of section 838-c of the executive law (disclosure of a sexual assault victim's DNA or RNA evidence) shall not be admissible in a prosecution of the sexual assault victim for any offense or an attempt to commit an offense unrelated to the sexual assault, regardless of when such offense or attempt to commit the offense occurred. Any such evidence shall be ordered by the court to be sealed.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law.