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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. PHEFFER AMATO, WOERNER, JONES, BUTTENSCHON --
read once and referred to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the criminal procedure law, in relation to requiring
victims be informed of their right to make a victim impact statement
to the division of parole and to appear at parole hearings

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 440.50 of the criminal procedure
law, as amended by chapter 322 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read
as follows:

1. ~~Upon the request of a victim of a crime, or in any event in all
cases in which the final disposition includes a conviction of a violent
felony offense as defined in section 70.02 of the penal law, a felony
defined in article one hundred twenty five of such law, or a felony
defined in article one hundred thirty of such law, the~~ In all cases in
which the final disposition includes a conviction, the district attorney
shall, within sixty days of ~~the~~ such final disposition ~~[of the case]~~,
inform the victim by letter of such ~~[final disposition]~~ conviction. If
such final disposition results in the commitment of the defendant to the
custody of the department of corrections and community supervision for
an indeterminate sentence, the notice provided to the crime victim shall
also inform the victim of his or her right to submit a written, audio-
taped, or videotaped victim impact statement to the department of
corrections and community supervision or to meet personally with a
member of the state board of parole at a time and place separate from
the personal interview between a member or members of the board and the
incarcerated individual and make such a statement, subject to procedures
and limitations contained in rules of the board, both pursuant to subdi-
vision two of section two hundred fifty-nine-i of the executive law. A
copy of such letter shall be provided to the board of parole. The right
of the victim under this subdivision to submit a written victim impact

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

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1 statement or to meet personally with a member of the state board of
2 parole applies to each personal interview between a member or members of
3 the board and the incarcerated individual. The victim shall also be
4 informed of their right to voluntarily appear at the incarcerated indi-
5 vidual's personal interview and make a statement before the board of
6 parole while such individual is present.

7 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.