STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 17, 2023

Introduced by Sen. STAVISKY -- 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 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 Assembly, 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 subdivision 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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statement or to meet personally with a member of the state board of parole applies to each personal interview between a member or members of the board and the incarcerated individual. **The victim shall also be informed of their right to voluntarily appear at the incarcerated individual's personal interview and make a statement before the board of parole while such individual is present.**

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.