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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. SKOUFIS -- 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 prohibiting the issuance of an appearance ticket upon arrest for any family offense

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

1 Section 1. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subdivision 1 of section 150.20  
2 of the criminal procedure law, paragraph (a) as amended and paragraph  
3 (b) as added by section 1-a of part JJJ of chapter 59 of the laws of  
4 2019, subparagraph (viii) of paragraph (b) as amended and subparagraphs  
5 (ix), (x) and (xi) of paragraph (b) as added by section one of subpart B  
6 of part UU of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022, are amended to read as  
7 follows:

8 (a) Whenever a police officer is authorized pursuant to section 140.10  
9 of this title to arrest a person without a warrant for an offense other  
10 than a class A, B, C or D felony or a violation of section 130.25,  
11 130.40, 205.10, 205.17, 205.19 or 215.56 of the penal law, or an arrest  
12 made pursuant to subdivision four of section 140.10 of this title, he  
13 shall, except as set out in paragraph (b) of this subdivision, subject  
14 to the provisions of subdivisions three and four of section 150.40 of  
15 this title, instead issue to and serve upon such person an appearance  
16 ticket.

17 (b) An officer is not required to issue an appearance ticket if:

18 (i) the person has one or more outstanding local criminal court or  
19 superior court warrants;

20 (ii) the person has failed to appear in court proceedings in the last  
21 two years;

22 (iii) the person has been given a reasonable opportunity to make their  
23 verifiable identity and a method of contact known, and has been unable  
24 or unwilling to do so, so that a custodial arrest is necessary to

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

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1 subject the individual to the jurisdiction of the court. For the  
2 purposes of this section, an officer may rely on various factors to  
3 determine a person's identity, including but not limited to personal  
4 knowledge of such person, such person's self-identification, or photo-  
5 graphic identification. There is no requirement that a person present  
6 photographic identification in order to be issued an appearance ticket  
7 in lieu of arrest where the person's identity is otherwise verifiable;  
8 however, if offered by such person, an officer shall accept as evidence  
9 of identity the following: a valid driver's license or non-driver iden-  
10 tification card issued by the commissioner of motor vehicles, the feder-  
11 al government, any United States territory, commonwealth or possession,  
12 the District of Columbia, a state government or municipal government  
13 within the United States or a provincial government of the dominion of  
14 Canada; a valid passport issued by the United States government or any  
15 other country; an identification card issued by the armed forces of the  
16 United States; a public benefit card, as defined in paragraph (a) of  
17 subdivision one of section 158.00 of the penal law;

18 ~~(iv) [the person is charged with a crime between members of the same~~  
19 ~~family or household, as defined in subdivision one of section 530.11 of~~  
20 ~~this chapter;~~

21 ~~(v)]~~ the person is charged with a crime defined in article 130 of the  
22 penal law;

23 ~~(vi)]~~ (v) it reasonably appears the person should be brought before  
24 the court for consideration of issuance of an order of protection,  
25 pursuant to section 530.13 of this chapter, based on the facts of the  
26 crime or offense that the officer has reasonable cause to believe  
27 occurred;

28 ~~(vii)]~~ (vi) the person is charged with a crime for which the court  
29 may suspend or revoke his or her driver license;

30 ~~(viii)]~~ (vii) it reasonably appears to the officer, based on the  
31 observed behavior of the individual in the present contact with the  
32 officer and facts regarding the person's condition that indicates a sign  
33 of distress to such a degree that the person would face harm without  
34 immediate medical or mental health care, that bringing the person before  
35 the court would be in such person's interest in addressing that need;  
36 provided, however, that before making the arrest, the officer shall make  
37 all reasonable efforts to assist the person in securing appropriate  
38 services;

39 ~~(ix)]~~ (viii) the person is eighteen years of age or older and charged  
40 with criminal possession of a weapon on school grounds as defined in  
41 section 265.01-a of the penal law;

42 ~~(x)]~~ (ix) the person is eighteen years of age or older and charged  
43 with a hate crime as defined in section 485.05 of the penal law; or

44 ~~(xi)]~~ (x) the offense is a qualifying offense pursuant to paragraph  
45 (t) of subdivision four of section 510.10 of this chapter, or pursuant  
46 to paragraph (t) of subdivision four of section 530.40 of this chapter.

47 § 2. Subdivisions 2 and 3 of section 150.20 of the criminal procedure  
48 law, as amended by chapter 550 of the laws of 1987, are amended to read  
49 as follows:

50 2. (a) Whenever a police officer has arrested a person without a  
51 warrant for an offense other than a class A, B, C or D felony or a  
52 violation of section 130.25, 130.40, 205.10, 205.17, 205.19 or 215.56 of  
53 the penal law or an arrest made pursuant to subdivision four of section  
54 140.10 of this title, or (b) whenever a peace officer, who is not  
55 authorized by law to issue an appearance ticket, has arrested a person  
56 for an offense other than a class A, B, C or D felony or a violation of

1 section 130.25, 130.40, 205.10, 205.17, 205.19 or 215.56 of the penal  
2 law or an arrest made pursuant to subdivision four of section 140.10 of  
3 this title pursuant to section 140.25 of this title, and has requested a  
4 police officer to issue and serve upon such arrested person an appear-  
5 ance ticket pursuant to subdivision four of section 140.27 of this  
6 title, or (c) whenever a person has been arrested for an offense other  
7 than a class A, B, C or D felony or a violation of section 130.25,  
8 130.40, 205.10, 205.17, 205.19 or 215.56 of the penal law, or an arrest  
9 made pursuant to subdivision four of section 140.10 of this title and  
10 has been delivered to the custody of an appropriate police officer  
11 pursuant to section 140.40 of this title, such police officer may,  
12 instead of bringing such person before a local criminal court and  
13 promptly filing or causing the arresting peace officer or arresting  
14 person to file a local criminal court accusatory instrument therewith,  
15 issue to and serve upon such person an appearance ticket. [~~The issuance~~  
16 ~~and service of an appearance ticket under such circumstances may be~~  
17 ~~conditioned upon a deposit of pre-arraignment bail, as provided in~~  
18 ~~section 150.30.~~]

19 3. A public servant other than a police officer, who is specially  
20 authorized by state law or local law enacted pursuant to the provisions  
21 of the municipal home rule law to issue and serve appearance tickets  
22 with respect to designated offenses other than class A, B, C or D felo-  
23 nies or violations of section 130.25, 130.40, 205.10, 205.17, 205.19 or  
24 215.56 of the penal law, or an arrest made pursuant to subdivision four  
25 of section 140.10 of this title, may in such cases issue and serve upon  
26 a person an appearance ticket when he has reasonable cause to believe  
27 that such person has committed a crime, or has committed a petty offense  
28 in his presence.

29 § 3. Subdivision 2 of section 140.20 of the criminal procedure law, as  
30 amended by chapter 550 of the laws of 1987, is amended to read as  
31 follows:

32 2. If the arrest is for an offense other than a class A, B, C or D  
33 felony or a violation of section 130.25, 130.40, 205.10, 205.17, 205.19  
34 or 215.56 of the penal law, or an arrest made pursuant to subdivision  
35 four of section 140.10 of this article, the arrested person need not be  
36 brought before a local criminal court as provided in subdivision one,  
37 and the procedure may instead be as follows:

38 (a) A police officer may issue and serve an appearance ticket upon the  
39 arrested person and release him from custody, as prescribed in subdivi-  
40 sion two of section 150.20 of this title; or

41 (b) The desk officer in charge at a police station, county jail or  
42 police headquarters, or any of his superior officers, may, in such place  
43 fix pre-arraignment bail and, upon deposit thereof, issue and serve an  
44 appearance ticket upon the arrested person and release him from custo-  
45 dy[~~, as prescribed in section 150.30~~].

46 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.