

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

January 10, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. PEOPLES-STOKES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Correction

AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to clarifying that the department of corrections is not required to obtain and input into its electronic record-keeping applications any individual's otherwise uncollected former legal name or any alias; and to amend a chapter of the laws of 2024 amending the correction law relating to requiring that websites providing incarcerated individual information be searchable by the incarcerated individual's name, former name or alias, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 4061-A and A. 4763-A, in relation to the effectiveness thereof

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

1 Section 1. Section 9 of the correction law, as amended by a chapter of
2 the laws of 2024 amending the correction law relating to requiring that
3 websites providing incarcerated individual information be searchable by
4 the incarcerated individual's name, former name or alias, as proposed in
5 section 2 of legislative bills numbers S. 4061-A and A. 4763-A, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 § 9. Access to information of incarcerated individuals via the inter-
8 net. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any informa-
9 tion relating to the conviction of a person that is posted on a website
10 maintained by or for the department, under article six of the public
11 officers law, may be posted on such website for a period not to exceed
12 three years after the expiration of such person's sentence of imprison-
13 ment and at the conclusion of any period of parole or post-release
14 supervision; provided further, however, that any such website that
15 allows the public to search for incarcerated individual information
16 shall be programmed in such a manner that the search may be successful
17 by input of the incarcerated individual's current name, any former legal
18 name or any other known alias of the incarcerated individual. To the

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

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1 extent the department collects an individual's current name, former
2 legal name, or any known alias from government records utilized by the
3 department, the department shall ensure that such information is input
4 into any website created pursuant to this section, provided, however,
5 that nothing in this section shall be construed to require the depart-
6 ment to obtain and input into the department's electronic record-keeping
7 applications any individual's otherwise uncollected former legal name or
8 any alias.

9 § 2. Section 3 of a chapter of the laws of 2024 amending the
10 correction law relating to requiring that websites providing incarcerat-
11 ed individual information be searchable by the incarcerated individual's
12 name, former name or alias, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.
13 4061-A and A. 4763-A, is amended to read as follows:

14 § 3. This act shall take effect [~~on the ninetieth day~~] one year after
15 it shall have become a law[~~, provided, however, that if chapter 631 of~~
16 ~~the laws of 2023 shall not have taken effect on or before such date then~~
17 ~~section two of this act shall take effect on the same date and in the~~
18 ~~same manner as such chapter of the laws of 2023, takes effect].~~

19 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
20 section one of this act shall take effect on the same date and in the
21 same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2024 amending the correction law
22 relating to requiring that websites providing incarcerated individual
23 information be searchable by the incarcerated individual's name, former
24 name or alias, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 4061-A and A.
25 4763-A, takes effect.