STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

February 4, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. O'PHARROW -- read once and referred to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the general obligations law, in relation to requiring mercantile establishments to cease collections upon a court finding of not guilty of larceny in mercantile establishments

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

Section 1. Section 11-105 of the general obligations law is amended by adding a new subdivision 13 to read as follows:

13. Cessation of collections upon finding of not guilty. An adult, emancipated minor, or the parents or legal guardians of an unemancipated minor who is found not guilty in any proceeding brought under this section shall not be civilly liable to the operator of the mercantile establishment bringing the proceeding and any attempts to collect money or recover merchandise from the adult, emancipated minor, or the parents or legal guardians of an unemancipated minor shall immediately cease.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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