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Introduced by Sen. SANDERS -- 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 the execution of a warrant of arrest; to amend the executive law, in relation to authorizing the commissioner of the division of criminal justice services to establish a system to record and monitor the issuance and execution of search warrants; and to amend the judiciary law, in relation to authorizing the chief administrator to establish educational programs for judicial personnel on the law of searches, arrests and seizures

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

1 Section 1. The opening paragraph of section 690.10 of the criminal  
2 procedure law is amended to read as follows:

3 Personal property is subject to seizure pursuant to a search warrant  
4 if such seizure is made in connection with a lawful arrest and there is  
5 reasonable cause to believe that it:

6 § 2. Subdivision 2 of section 690.30 of the criminal procedure law is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 2. A search warrant may be executed on any day of the week. [~~It~~]

9 Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, a search warrant may  
10 be executed only between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M., unless  
11 the warrant expressly authorizes execution thereof at any time of the  
12 day or night, as provided in subdivision [~~five~~] six of section 690.45 of  
13 this article. Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of subdivision four of  
14 section 690.35 of this article, a search warrant based in whole or in  
15 part on the grounds set forth in paragraph (b) of subdivision four of  
16 section 690.35 of this article may be executed only between the hours of  
17 8:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. unless there is reasonable cause to believe that  
18 it cannot be executed between those hours because, in the case of an  
19 application for a search warrant as defined in paragraph (b) of subdivi-

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

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1 sion two of section 690.05 of this article, the person sought is immi-  
2 nently likely to flee or commit another violent felony, or is likely to  
3 create an imminent danger to the safety of the executing police officers  
4 or another person if not seized forthwith or between the hours of 6:00  
5 P.M. and 8:00 A.M., in which event the request must contain facts to  
6 support such application, and the court must make a finding in writing  
7 or orally on the record or in writing upon the application itself  
8 setting forth the factual basis for the issuance of the warrant pursuant  
9 to this subdivision.

10 § 3. Subdivision 1 and paragraph (b) of subdivision 4 of section  
11 690.35 of the criminal procedure law, subdivision 1 as amended by chap-  
12 ter 679 of the laws of 1982, and paragraph (b) of subdivision 4 as  
13 amended by chapter 424 of the laws of 1998, are amended to read as  
14 follows:

15 1. An application for a search warrant may be in writing or oral. If  
16 in writing, it must be made, subscribed and sworn to by a public servant  
17 specified in subdivision one of section 690.05 of this article. If  
18 oral, it must be made by such a public servant and sworn to and recorded  
19 in the manner provided in section 690.36 of this article. In all cities  
20 with a population of less than one million, an application for a search  
21 warrant based either in whole or in part on paragraph (b) of subdivision  
22 four of this section, must be made to a court between the hours of 6:00  
23 A.M. and 9:00 P.M. unless circumstances reasonably require that such  
24 application be made at another time, in which event such circumstances  
25 shall be stated in the application for the warrant.

26 (b) A request that the search warrant authorize the executing police  
27 officer to enter premises to be searched without giving notice of [~~his~~]  
28 their authority and purpose, upon the ground that there is reasonable  
29 cause to believe that (i) [~~the property sought may be easily and quickly~~  
30 ~~destroyed or disposed of, or (ii)~~] the giving of such notice [~~may endan-~~  
31 ~~ger~~] is likely to create an imminent danger to the life or safety of the  
32 executing officer or another person, or [~~(iii)~~] (ii) in the case of an  
33 application for a search warrant as defined in paragraph (b) of subdivi-  
34 sion two of section 690.05 of this article for the purpose of searching  
35 for and arresting a person who is the subject of a warrant for a felony,  
36 the person sought is imminently likely to commit another violent felony,  
37 or [~~may endanger~~] is likely to create an imminent danger to the life or  
38 safety of the executing officer or another person. In order for a  
39 request that a search warrant authorizes the executing police officer to  
40 enter premises to be searched without giving notice of their authority  
41 and purpose be granted, such request shall show that extreme circum-  
42 stances are involved, which for purposes of this article are when the  
43 giving of such notice is likely to create an imminent danger to the life  
44 of the executing officer or another person, only where the application  
45 pursuant to this paragraph lists specific facts that giving such notice  
46 is likely to create such imminent danger to the life of the executing  
47 officer or another person. No warrant issued under this paragraph can be  
48 used to search a residence for a controlled substance, as defined by  
49 section 220.00 of the penal law. Any controlled substance, as defined  
50 by section 220.00 of the penal law, found in a residence during a search  
51 based on a warrant issued under this paragraph can be subject to  
52 seizure.

53 § 4. Section 690.35 of the criminal procedure law is amended by  
54 adding a new subdivision 5 to read as follows:

55 5. When making an application based either in whole or in part on  
56 paragraph (b) of subdivision four of this section, in addition to the

1 other requirements for an application for a search warrant, the appli-  
2 cant must ascertain, to the extent reasonably possible, whether any  
3 parties other than any subject of the search warrant shall be present  
4 when the warrant is executed, and if so, the application shall include a  
5 list containing the estimated age, gender, and physical condition of  
6 each additional occupant, any known individuals with cognitive and/or  
7 physical disabilities, and any pets known or likely to be present at the  
8 premises to be searched, and reasonable alternatives to executing such  
9 warrant in the presence of such individuals. The results of such inves-  
10 tigation shall be included in the application and conform with the  
11 requirements of paragraph (c) of subdivision three of this section. For  
12 all applications based either in whole or in part on paragraph (b) of  
13 subdivision four of this section, the applicant shall be a district  
14 attorney or the attorney general, or if a district attorney or the  
15 attorney general is absent or disabled, the person designated to act on  
16 their behalf and perform their official function in and during such  
17 absence or disability.

18 § 5. Subdivision 1 of section 690.40 of the criminal procedure law is  
19 amended to read as follows:

20 1. (a) In determining an application for a search warrant the court  
21 may examine, under oath, any person whom it believes may possess perti-  
22 nent information. Any such examination must be either recorded or  
23 summarized on the record by the court.

24 (b) In determining an application for a search warrant based, either  
25 in whole or in part, upon the grounds described in paragraph (b) of  
26 subdivision four of section 690.35 of this article, the court shall  
27 state, with specificity, in writing or orally on the record or in writ-  
28 ing upon the application for the warrant itself, the factual basis for  
29 the issuance of the warrant pursuant to such paragraph. Such determi-  
30 nation shall include evidence stating why a warrant that requires an  
31 officer to knock and announce their presence shall not be issued.

32 § 6. Subdivision 6 of section 690.45 of the criminal procedure law, as  
33 renumbered by chapter 679 of the laws of 1982, is amended and a new  
34 subdivision 8-a is added to read as follows:

35 6. A direction that the warrant be executed between the hours of 6:00  
36 A.M. and 9:00 P.M., or, where the court has specially so determined, an  
37 authorization for execution thereof at any time of the day or night  
38 unless the warrant has been obtained based on an application based in  
39 whole or in part on paragraph (b) of subdivision four of section 690.35  
40 of this article, in which event the provisions of subdivision two of  
41 section 690.30 of this article relating to the time for executing such  
42 warrants shall apply; and

43 8-a. An intended course of action if no response is received from the  
44 intended suspect of the warrant at the time of execution within thirty  
45 seconds; and

46 § 7. Section 690.50 of the criminal procedure law is amended by adding  
47 five new subdivisions 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 to read as follows:

48 7. Upon seizing property or arresting a person pursuant to a search  
49 warrant issued under this article, in addition to the requirements of  
50 subdivisions five and six of this section, the police officer shall file  
51 a report with the court that issued such warrant in a form prescribed by  
52 the division of criminal justice services pursuant to section eight  
53 hundred thirty-seven-y of the executive law, specifying the following  
54 information:

1 (a) if applicable, the subparagraph of paragraph (b) of subdivision  
2 four of section 690.35 of this article upon which such warrant was  
3 based;

4 (b) the officer and agency which obtained the warrant;

5 (c) the prosecutor and prosecuting office which drafted the warrant;

6 (d) whether the facts contained in the supporting affidavit were based  
7 upon a confidential informant, or an identified citizen informant or a  
8 police officer, none of whom must be named;

9 (e) the date and time the search warrant was applied for and the date  
10 and time the search warrant was signed;

11 (f) the date and time the search warrant was executed;

12 (g) the judge who signed and the court that issued the warrant;

13 (h) whether the application for the warrant issued had been submitted  
14 to another judge other than the judge who issued the warrant for which  
15 the report is submitted and if so, when such application or applications  
16 were made and the result of each such application;

17 (i) the age, sex and race of the individual to whom such warrant was  
18 directed;

19 (j) whether physical force or deadly force was used in executing such  
20 warrant;

21 (k) (i) whether any individual was injured or killed and if so, the  
22 age, sex and race of each such person; and

23 (ii) the status of each such person, specifying whether each was the  
24 subject of the search warrant, a police officer, or a third party;

25 (l) the address where the warrant was executed including the street  
26 address, city or town, county and zip code;

27 (m) the result of executing the warrant, specifying whether:

28 (i) evidence was seized; and

29 (ii) any individuals were arrested, and if so, whether the subject of  
30 the warrant was arrested or other individuals not named in the warrant  
31 were arrested; and

32 (n) whether any property was damaged during the course of executing  
33 the warrant and a description thereof.

34 8. Search warrants not executed within seven days of issuance shall be  
35 considered null and void.

36 9. An officer shall be required to present evidence and/or surveil-  
37 lance gathered within twenty-four hours or less before a warrant is  
38 executed which verifies that the subject of such warrant is present at  
39 the residence intended to be searched. Where the information about the  
40 location of the subject of any warrant comes from an informant or other  
41 third-party testimony, the officer applying for the warrant shall verify  
42 that an officer or agent of the police department has independently  
43 verified that there is probable cause to believe the subject of the  
44 warrant will be present at a particular location.

45 10. Any officer or officers who are executing a search warrant shall  
46 be required to be in official uniform and be clearly recognizable and  
47 identifiable as a police officer. All officers involved in the execution  
48 of a search warrant shall wear visible badges containing names and iden-  
49 tification numbers.

50 11. (a) Any officer or officers who are executing a search warrant  
51 shall allow a minimum of thirty seconds for the occupants of the proper-  
52 ty being searched to respond and open the door before such officer or  
53 officers attempt to enter the property, except for situations where  
54 verifiable, exigent circumstances exist. For purposes of this section,  
55 "verifiable, exigent circumstances" means any event occurring in real-  
56 time that is life-threatening to the officer or officers executing a

1 search warrant or to the occupants of the property which is being  
2 searched.

3 (b) No officer involved in the execution of a search warrant shall at  
4 any point during such execution use any flash bang, stun, distraction or  
5 other similar device unless verifiable, exigent circumstances exist.

6 (c) No officer involved in the execution of a search warrant shall  
7 execute a warrant outside of when such warrant is allowed to be executed  
8 under this article unless verifiable, exigent circumstances exist.

9 § 8. Section 690.55 of the criminal procedure law, paragraph (b) of  
10 subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 424 of the laws of 1998, is amended  
11 to read as follows:

12 § 690.55 Search warrants; disposition of seized property.

13 1. Upon receiving property seized pursuant to a search warrant, the  
14 court [~~must~~] shall either:

15 (a) Retain it in the custody of the court pending further disposition  
16 thereof pursuant to subdivision two of this section or some other  
17 provision of law; or

18 (b) Direct that it be held in the custody of the person who applied  
19 for the warrant, or of the police officer who executed it, or of the  
20 governmental or official agency or department by which either such  
21 public servant is employed, upon condition that upon order of such court  
22 such property be returned thereto or delivered to another court.

23 2. A local criminal court which retains custody of such property  
24 [~~must~~] shall, upon request of another criminal court in which a criminal  
25 action involving or relating to such property is pending, cause it to be  
26 delivered thereto.

27 3. A person aggrieved by an unlawful search and seizure of property or  
28 by the deprivation of property may move for the property's return five  
29 days after the property has been seized, or at any time thereafter. The  
30 motion may be made before any court with jurisdiction over the criminal  
31 case or, if no case has been filed, in the county in which the property  
32 was seized. The court must receive evidence on any factual issue neces-  
33 sary to decide such motion. After an aggrieved person has moved for the  
34 property's return, the prosecutor must establish by clear and convincing  
35 evidence, that the seized property was the proceeds of a crime, or  
36 evidence of a crime. If the court grants such motion, it must return the  
37 property to the movant, but may impose reasonable conditions to protect  
38 access to the property and its use in later proceedings.

39 § 9. The criminal procedure law is amended by adding two new sections  
40 690.60 and 690.65 to read as follows:

41 § 690.60 Search warrants; monetary restitution.

42 1. Following the execution of a search warrant issued pursuant to  
43 paragraph (b) of subdivision four of section 690.35 of this article, the  
44 owner of the place or premises at which such warrant was executed and  
45 the owner of any property located at such premises shall be entitled to  
46 monetary restitution, paid promptly by the state or municipality employ-  
47 ing the officials who executed the warrant, for a premises, or any part  
48 thereof, and any items of property at such premises that were damaged or  
49 destroyed as a part of the execution of such warrant upon such premises,  
50 unless such owner of such premises or property is:

51 (a) convicted of a crime involving or relating to property seized  
52 pursuant to such warrant; or

53 (b) convicted of a crime involving or relating to the search warrant  
54 for such premises issued pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision two of  
55 section 690.05 of this article.

1 2. Nothing in this section shall be construed as affecting any other  
2 right, duty or cause of action that may exist with respect to any prem-  
3 ises, or part thereof, or any property that may be damaged or destroyed  
4 as a result of any such arrest or search.

5 § 690.65 Search warrants; violations.

6 Where a search warrant is executed in violation of this article:

7 1. any evidence obtained in connection with the search warrant shall  
8 be inadmissible in evidence by the prosecution; and

9 2. any officer involved in the execution of such search warrant shall  
10 be subject to disciplinary actions including, but not limited to, fines,  
11 suspension or termination.

12 § 10. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 837-y to  
13 read as follows:

14 § 837-y. Establish a form and system to record and monitor the issu-  
15 ance and execution of search warrants. 1. The commissioner shall  
16 prescribe the form of document to be used by every law enforcement agen-  
17 cy of the state and of each municipality, city, town and village to  
18 accompany a report to be prepared in accordance with subdivision seven  
19 of section 690.50 of the criminal procedure law.

20 2. The commissioner shall establish a system to record and monitor the  
21 issuance and execution of search warrants by every law enforcement agen-  
22 cy in the state of New York. Every court that issues search warrants  
23 shall file on or before the thirty-first day of December of each year  
24 with the commissioner, a copy of each form filed with such court and  
25 prescribed in subdivision one of this section, retaining the original  
26 copy of such form with the court. The commissioner shall collect, proc-  
27 ess and analyze such information contained in such reports, and issue a  
28 report by the thirtieth day of June of each year which shall be made  
29 public and a copy of which shall be sent to the office of court adminis-  
30 tration, each law enforcement agency, each civil complaint review board  
31 with jurisdiction over a police or law enforcement agency, and to the  
32 attorney general of the state of New York.

33 § 11. Section 212 of the judiciary law is amended by adding a new  
34 subdivision 3 to read as follows:

35 3. The chief administrator shall also formulate, establish and main-  
36 tain educational programs, seminars and institutes for the judicial  
37 personnel of the unified court system, to be scheduled on an annual  
38 basis, or if the circumstances warrant, more frequently, on the law of  
39 searches, arrests and seizures under the laws of the state of New York,  
40 with emphasis on the appropriate standards for the issuance of all  
41 warrants authorized under the criminal procedure law.

42 § 12. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day  
43 after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition,  
44 amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the  
45 implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be  
46 made and completed on or before such effective date.