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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. HOYLMAN-SIGAL, ADDABBO, KRUEGER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes -- committee discharged and said bill committed to the Committee on Rules -- ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the criminal procedure law, in relation to cases terminated due to mental disease or defect

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 730.40 of the criminal procedure
2 law, as amended by chapter 7 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as
3 follows:
4 2. (a)(1) When a local criminal court has issued a final order of
5 observation, it must:
6 (A) order the institution in which the defendant is confined to make a
7 single point of access referral for the defendant with the appropriate
8 agency closest to the defendant's last known county of residence prior
9 to discharge; and
10 (B) dismiss the accusatory instrument filed in such court against the
11 defendant and such dismissal constitutes a bar to any further prose-
12 cution of the charge or charges contained in such accusatory instrument.
13 (2) Each appropriate institution shall maintain records compiling all
14 discharge planning and single point of access referrals completed pursu-
15 ant to subparagraph one of this paragraph and submit de-identified bian-
16 nual reports on such records to the commissioner and chief administra-
17 tive judge of the courts.
18 (b) When the defendant is in the custody of the commissioner pursuant
19 to a final order of observation, the commissioner or [~~his or her~~] such
20 commissioner's designee, which may include the director of an appropri-
21 ate institution, immediately upon the discharge of the defendant, must
22 certify to such court that [~~he or she~~] the commissioner or such commis-

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

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1 sioner's designee has complied with the notice provisions set forth in
2 paragraph (a) of subdivision six of section 730.60 of this article and
3 the referral provisions set forth in paragraph (a) of this subdivision.
4 When the defendant is in the custody of the commissioner at the expira-
5 tion of the period prescribed in a temporary order of observation, the
6 proceedings in the local criminal court that issued such order shall
7 terminate for all purposes and the commissioner must promptly certify to
8 such court and to the appropriate district attorney that the defendant
9 was in [~~his or her~~] the commissioner's custody on such expiration date.
10 Upon receipt of such certification, the court must dismiss the felony
11 complaint filed against the defendant.
12 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
13 have become a law.