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Introduced by Sens. BAILEY, COMRIE, FERNANDEZ, HOYLMAN-SIGAL, JACKSON, MYRIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to establishing the office of expungement and automatic sealing within the division of criminal justice services

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

1 Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 837-y
2 to read as follows:

3 § 837-y. Office of expungement and automatic sealing. 1. Definitions.
4 As used in the section, the following terms shall have the following
5 meanings:

6 (a) "eligible conviction" shall mean a conviction which is eligible to
7 be sealed and/or expunged under section 160.50, 160.55, 160.58 or 160.59
8 of the criminal procedure law.

9 (b) "office" shall mean the office of expungement and automatic seal-
10 ing as established by this section.

11 2. Establishment of office. There is hereby established within the
12 division of criminal justice services the office of expungement and
13 automatic sealing which shall oversee the sealing and/or expungement of
14 all eligible convictions.

15 3. Duties and responsibilities. The office shall:

16 (a) inform the defendant and such defendant's attorney that an eligi-
17 ble conviction can be sealed and/or expunged;

18 (b) ensure all eligible convictions are sealed and/or expunged accu-
19 ately and in a timely manner;

20 (c) act as an advocate for those with eligible convictions to get such
21 convictions sealed and/or expunged;

22 (d) advise the governor and the legislature on the impact of having
23 eligible convictions sealed and/or expunged; and

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

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1 (e) develop regulations, standards, guidelines, and best practices for
2 ensuring accurate and timely sealing and/or expungement of eligible
3 convictions.

4 4. Other state agencies shall provide cooperation and assistance to
5 the office so as to assist it in the effective performance of its
6 duties.

7 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.