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AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to the establishment of a single computerized state DNA identification index and requiring municipalities to expunge any DNA record stored in a municipal DNA identification index

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

1 Section 1. Subdivisions 1, 2, 3 and 9 of section 995-c of the execu-
2 tive law, subdivisions 1 and 2 as added by chapter 737 of the laws of
3 1994, subdivision 3 as amended by chapter 19 of the laws of 2012,
4 subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (b) of subdivision 3 as amended by
5 section 1 of part A of chapter 55 of the laws of 2012 and subdivision 9
6 as amended by chapter 524 of the laws of 2002, are amended to read as
7 follows:

8 1. Following the promulgation of a policy by the commission pursuant
9 to subdivision nine of section nine hundred ninety-five-b of this arti-
10 cle, the commissioner of criminal justice services is authorized to
11 promulgate a plan for the establishment of a single computerized state
12 DNA identification index within the division of criminal justice
13 services. No county, city, town, village, or municipality, or any entity
14 thereof, may establish or maintain a computerized DNA identification
15 index.

16 2. Following the review and approval of the plan by the DNA subcommit-
17 tee and the commission and the filing of such plan with the speaker of
18 the assembly and the temporary president of the senate, the commissioner
19 of criminal justice services is hereby authorized to establish a single
20 computerized state DNA identification index pursuant to the provisions
21 of this article.

22 3. (a) Any designated offender subsequent to conviction and sentencing
23 for a crime specified in subdivision seven of section nine hundred nine-
24 ty-five of this article, shall be required to provide a sample appropri-

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

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1 ate for DNA testing to determine identification characteristics specific
2 to such person and to be included in [a] the state DNA identification
3 index pursuant to this article.

4 (b) (i) In the case of a designated offender who is sentenced to a
5 term of imprisonment, such sample shall be collected by the public serv-
6 ant to whose custody the designated offender has been committed.

7 (ii) In the case of a designated offender who is sentenced to a term
8 of probation, including a sentence of probation imposed in conjunction
9 with a sentence of imprisonment when a sample has not already been
10 taken, such sample shall be collected by the probation department super-
11 vising the designated offender.

12 (iii) In the case of a designated offender whose sentence does not
13 include either a term of imprisonment or a term of probation, outside of
14 the city of New York, the court shall order that a court officer take a
15 sample or that the designated offender report to an office of the sher-
16 iff of that county, and when the designated offender does so, such
17 sample shall be collected by the sheriff's office. Within the city of
18 New York, the court shall order that the sample be collected by a court
19 officer.

20 (iv) Nothing in this paragraph shall prohibit the collection of a DNA
21 sample from a designated offender by any court official, state or local
22 correction official or employee, probation officer, parole officer,
23 police officer, peace officer, other law enforcement official, or desig-
24 nated personnel of the division of criminal justice services who has
25 been notified by the division of criminal justice services that such
26 designated offender has not provided a DNA sample. Upon notification by
27 the division of criminal justice services that a designated offender has
28 not provided a DNA sample, such court official, state or local
29 correction official or employee, probation officer, parole officer,
30 police officer, peace officer or other law enforcement official, or
31 designated personnel of the division of criminal justice services shall
32 collect the DNA sample.

33 (c) No persons other than designated offenders shall be required to
34 provide a DNA sample for inclusion in the DNA identification index.

35 9. (a) Upon receipt of notification of a reversal or a vacatur of a
36 conviction, or of the granting of a pardon pursuant to article two-A of
37 this chapter, of an individual whose DNA record has been stored in the
38 state DNA identification index in accordance with this article by the
39 division of criminal justice services, the DNA record shall be expunged
40 from the state DNA identification index, and such individual may apply
41 to the court in which the judgment of conviction was originally entered
42 for an order directing the expungement of any DNA record and any
43 samples, analyses, or other documents relating to the DNA testing of
44 such individual in connection with the investigation or prosecution of
45 the crime which resulted in the conviction that was reversed or vacated
46 or for which the pardon was granted. A copy of such application shall be
47 served on the district attorney and an order directing expungement may
48 be granted if the court finds that all appeals relating to the
49 conviction have been concluded; that such individual will not be
50 retried, or, if a retrial has occurred, the trier of fact has rendered a
51 verdict of complete acquittal, and that expungement will not adversely
52 affect the investigation or prosecution of some other person or persons
53 for the crime. The division shall, by rule or regulation, prescribe
54 procedures to ensure that the DNA record in the state DNA identification
55 index, and any samples, analyses, or other documents relating to such
56 record, whether in the possession of the division, or any law enforce-

1 ment or police agency, or any forensic DNA laboratory, including any
2 duplicates or copies thereof, at the discretion of the possessor there-
3 of, are either destroyed or returned to such individual, or to the
4 attorney who represented [~~him or her~~] the individual at the time such
5 reversal, vacatur or pardon, was granted. The commissioner shall also
6 adopt by rule and regulation a procedure for the expungement in other
7 appropriate circumstances of DNA records contained in the index.

8 (b) As prescribed in this paragraph, if an individual[~~, either volun-~~
9 ~~tarily or pursuant to a warrant or order of a court,~~] has provided, or
10 law enforcement has obtained, a sample for DNA testing in connection
11 with the investigation or prosecution of a crime and (i) no criminal
12 action against the individual relating to such crime was commenced with-
13 in the period specified by section 30.10 of the criminal procedure law,
14 or (ii) in the case of a juvenile delinquency arrest, no proceeding
15 under article three of the family court act was commenced within the
16 period specified by section 302.2 of the family court act; or (iii) a
17 criminal action or a proceeding under article three of the family court
18 act was commenced against the individual relating to such crime which
19 resulted in a complete acquittal, dismissal, or adjudication or
20 conviction of a non-criminal offense, or [~~(iii)~~] (iv) a criminal action
21 against the individual relating to such crime resulted in a conviction
22 that was subsequently reversed or vacated, or for which the individual
23 was granted a pardon pursuant to article two-A of this chapter, such
24 individual may apply to the supreme court, the court that had jurisdic-
25 tion over the matter or the court in which the judgment of conviction
26 was originally entered for an order directing the expungement of any DNA
27 record and any samples, analyses, or other documents relating to the DNA
28 testing of such individual in connection with the investigation or pros-
29 ecution of such crime. A copy of such application shall be served on the
30 district attorney or presentment agency and an order directing expunge-
31 ment [~~may~~] shall be granted if the court finds that the individual has
32 satisfied the conditions of one of the subparagraphs of this paragraph;
33 that if a judgment of conviction was reversed or vacated, all appeals
34 relating thereto have been concluded and the individual will not be
35 retried, or, if a retrial has occurred, the trier of fact has rendered a
36 verdict of complete acquittal, and that expungement will not adversely
37 affect the investigation or prosecution of some other person or persons
38 for the crime. If an order directing the expungement of any DNA record
39 and any samples, analyses or other documents relating to the DNA testing
40 of such individual is issued, such record and any samples, analyses, or
41 other documents shall, at the discretion of the possessor thereof, be
42 destroyed or returned to such individual or to the attorney who repres-
43 ented [~~him or her~~] the individual in connection with the application for
44 the order of expungement. Nothing in this subdivision authorizes any
45 county, city, town, village, or municipality, or any entity thereof, to
46 establish or maintain a computerized DNA identification index.

47 (c) Any DNA record stored in a DNA identification index by any county,
48 city, town, village, or municipality, or entity thereof, must be
49 expunged within ninety days of the effective date of this paragraph.

50 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.