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IN ASSEMBLY

January 10, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. PEOPLES-STOKES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Correction

AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to clarifying that the department of corrections is not required to obtain and input into its electronic record-keeping applications any individual's otherwise uncollected former legal name or any alias; and to amend a chapter of the laws of 2024 amending the correction law relating to requiring that websites providing incarcerated individual information be searchable by the incarcerated individual's name, former name or alias, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 4061-A and A. 4763-A, in relation to the effectiveness thereof

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

Section 1. Section 9 of the correction law, as amended by a chapter of the laws of 2024 amending the correction law relating to requiring that websites providing incarcerated individual information be searchable by the incarcerated individual's name, former name or alias, as proposed in section 2 of legislative bills numbers S. 4061-A and A. 4763-A, is amended to read as follows:

§ 9. Access to information of incarcerated individuals via the internet. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any information relating to the conviction of a person that is posted on a website maintained by or for the department, under article six of the public officers law, may be posted on such website for a period not to exceed three years after the expiration of such person's sentence of imprisonment and at the conclusion of any period of parole or post-release supervision; provided further, however, that any such website that allows the public to search for incarcerated individual information shall be programmed in such a manner that the search may be successful by input of the incarcerated individual's current name, any former legal name or any other known alias of the incarcerated individual. **To the**

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

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extent the department collects an individual's current name, former legal name, or any known alias from government records utilized by the department, the department shall ensure that such information is input into any website created pursuant to this section, provided, however, that nothing in this section shall be construed to require the department to obtain and input into the department's electronic record-keeping applications any individual's otherwise uncollected former legal name or any alias.

§ 2. Section 3 of a chapter of the laws of 2024 amending the correction law relating to requiring that websites providing incarcerated individual information be searchable by the incarcerated individual's name, former name or alias, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 4061-A and A. 4763-A, is amended to read as follows:

§ 3. This act shall take effect [~~on the ninetieth day~~] **one year** after it shall have become a law[~~; provided, however, that if chapter 631 of the laws of 2023 shall not have taken effect on or before such date then section two of this act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as such chapter of the laws of 2023, takes effect~~].

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that section one of this act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2024 amending the correction law relating to requiring that websites providing incarcerated individual information be searchable by the incarcerated individual's name, former name or alias, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 4061-A and A. 4763-A, takes effect.