STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. BEEPHAN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend executive law, in relation to establishing a publicly accessible online registry for individuals convicted of a second or subsequent domestic violence offense

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

Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 837-f-3 to read as follows:

§ 837-f-3. Domestic violence registry. 1. As used in this section:

(a) "Abuse" means:

(i) inflicting, or attempting to inflict, physical injury on an adult or minor by other than accidental means;

(ii) placing an adult or minor in fear of, or in, physical harm or physical restraint;

(iii) causing malicious damage to the personal property of the abused party or to an animal belonging to or in the charge of the abused party;

(iv) stalking an adult or minor as defined in section 120.45, 120.50, 120.55 or 120.60 of the penal law; or

(v) intentionally engaging in behavior that amounts to financial abuse.

(b) "Adult" means any person eighteen years of age or older, or who is otherwise emancipated.

(c) "Domestic abuse" means committing abuse against a victim, as defined in paragraph (d) of this subdivision.

(d) "Domestic abuse victim" means any person who falls within the following categories:

(i) adults or minors who are current or former spouses;

(ii) adults or minors who live together or who have lived together;

(iii) adults or minors who are dating or who have dated or who have or had a sexual relationship. As used herein, "dating" and "dated" do not include fraternization between two individuals in a business or social context;

(iv) adults or minors related by blood or adoption;

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

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(v) adults or minors who are related or were formerly related by marriage; and/or

(vi) adult or minor children of a person in a relationship that is described in subparagraph (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) or (v) of this paragraph.

(e) "Financial abuse" means behavior that is coercive, that is deceptive, or that unreasonably controls or restrains a person's ability to acquire, use, or maintain economic resources to which the person is entitled, including using coercion, fraud, or manipulation to:

(i) restrict a person's access to money, assets, credit, or financial information;

(ii) unfairly use a person's economic resources, including money, assets, and credit, to gain an advantage; or

(iii) exert undue influence over a person's financial behavior or decisions, including forcing default on joint or other financial obligations; exploiting powers of attorney, guardianship, or conservatorship; or failing or neglecting to act in the best interest of the person to whom a fiduciary duty is owed.

(f) "Persistent domestic violence offender" means a person who:

(i) has been convicted in this state of an offense committed against a domestic abuse victim; and

(ii) has at least one prior conviction for an offense committed against a domestic abuse victim, within this state or in another state.

2. There is created within the division a registry of persistent domestic violence offenders. The division shall maintain this registry based upon information supplied to the division by the court clerks pursuant to subdivisions three and four of this section and information available to the division from the department of correction and community supervision and from local law enforcement agencies. The division shall make the registry available for public inquiry on the internet.

3. The registry shall consist of the persistent domestic violence offender's name, date of birth, conviction date, county or counties of convictions, and a current photograph of the persistent domestic violence offender. If available after reasonable inquiry, the court clerk shall provide the division with a copy of the persistent domestic violence offender's driver license, or other state or federal identification, and such other identifying data as the division determines is necessary to properly identify the persistent domestic violence offender and exclude innocent persons. However, the registry available for public inquiry must not include the persistent domestic violence offender's address, social security number, driver license number, or any other state or federal identification number.

4. (a) If a person is convicted of an offense committed against a domestic abuse victim and the person convicted has at least one prior conviction for an offense committed against a domestic abuse victim, then the court shall, upon proof of any prior convictions committed against a domestic abuse victim, order the defendant to register as a persistent domestic violence offender under this part.

(b) If a court orders a defendant to register under this part, then the court clerk shall forward to the division a certified copy of the qualifying conviction and the date of birth of the defendant. The court clerk shall forward the information to the division within seven days of the date of the conviction.

5. In addition to any other punishment that may be imposed for a conviction of the offense, a defendant required to register under this part must be assessed a registration fee in the amount of one hundred

fifty dollars, which must be paid to the clerk of the court imposing the sentence, who shall:

(a) retain fifty dollars of the fee for the administration of this part, which must be reserved for the purposes authorized by this section at the end of each fiscal year; and

(b) remit one hundred dollars of the fee to the division for the administration of this section, which must be reserved for the purposes authorized by this part at the end of each fiscal year.

6. The division shall remove from the registry the name and other identifying information of a persistent domestic violence offender required to register under this section:

(a) two years after the date of the most recent conviction for an offense committed against a domestic abuse victim if the defendant has one prior conviction for an offense committed against a domestic abuse victim;

(b) five years after the date of the most recent conviction for an offense committed against a domestic abuse victim if the defendant has two prior convictions for an offense committed against a domestic abuse victim; and

(c) ten years after the date of the most recent conviction for an offense committed against a domestic abuse victim if the defendant has three or more prior convictions for an offense committed against a domestic abuse victim.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2027, and shall apply to persons convicted of an offense committed against a domestic abuse victim that occurred on or after January 1, 2027; provided, however, that a prior conviction is not required to occur on or after January 1, 2027.