

STATE OF NEW YORK

7142

2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

April 1, 2025

Introduced by Sen. SEPULVEDA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the criminal procedure law, in relation to preventing employment discrimination against persons whose criminal charges have been adjourned in contemplation of dismissal

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 8 of section 170.55 of the criminal procedure
2 law, as added by chapter 134 of the laws of 1982 and as renumbered by
3 chapter 683 of the laws of 1990, is amended to read as follows:

4 8. The granting of an adjournment in contemplation of dismissal shall
5 not be deemed to be a conviction or an admission of guilt. No person
6 shall suffer any disability or forfeiture as a result of such an order.
7 Upon granting the order of adjournment, the action shall be considered
8 terminated in the defendant's favor for the purpose of the provisions of
9 subdivision sixteen of section two hundred ninety-six of the executive
10 law. Upon the dismissal of the accusatory instrument pursuant to this
11 section, the arrest and prosecution shall be deemed a nullity and the
12 defendant shall be restored, in contemplation of law, to the status [~~he~~]
13 such defendant occupied before [~~his~~] their arrest and prosecution.

14 § 2. Subdivision 4 of section 170.56 of the criminal procedure law, as
15 added by chapter 1042 of the laws of 1971, is amended to read as
16 follows:

17 4. Upon the granting of an order pursuant to subdivision two of this
18 section, the action shall be considered terminated in the defendant's
19 favor for the purpose of the provisions of subdivision sixteen of
20 section two hundred ninety-six of the executive law. Upon the granting
21 of an order pursuant to subdivision three of this section, the arrest
22 and prosecution shall be deemed a nullity and the defendant shall be
23 restored, in contemplation of law, to the status [~~he~~] such defendant
24 occupied before [~~his~~] their arrest and prosecution.

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

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1 § 3. No provision of this act shall be construed to impair or diminish
2 any rights an employee or licensee, or an applicant for employment or a
3 license, may already possess pursuant to section 170.55 or 170.56 of the
4 criminal procedure law.

5 § 4. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
6 have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or
7 repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of
8 this act on its effective date are authorized to be made on or before
9 such date.