

**** Changes to New York Record Searches ****

Effective July 14, 2003, per section 14 of Assembly Bill A02106, the New York Office of Court Administration (OCA) of the NY Unified court System is expanding its criminal records history search. What was formerly a single county search (with a \$16 court fee per county) from one of 13 counties in the New York City area will become a statewide, all counties inclusive search. Instead of a \$16 additional court fee for each county or borough searched, the court fee will now charge \$55 when any one of the 13 counties is searched. The counties involved are: Bronx, Dutchess, Erie, Kings, Nassau, New York, Orange, Putnam, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Suffolk, and Winchester.

Effective July 21, 2003 New York's OCA has added more counties in addition to the 13 boroughs to their statewide search. Their main objective is to phase out all public access at the individual county level but have no certain time limits. Also, many jurisdictions are still debating whether or not to rescind access at the county level and refer access to the OCA. The new counties added are Allegany, Cayuga, Courtland, Delaware, Hamilton, Montgomery, Orleans, and Tioga.

Effective November 12, 2003, they have added 11 more counties to their statewide search. The counties added are Chenango, Fulton, Genesee, Niagara, Ontario, Seneca, St Lawrence, Stueben, Sullivan, Wayne, and Wyoming.

This change could be good news or bad news, depending on your criminal search requirements. The new program will benefit those companies who require a statewide search when available; one was not previously available in New York. Also, some businesses are required to search all five New York City boroughs when the subject has a history in any one of them. Instead of paying an additional \$16 for each of the five borough (\$80), they will now cost only \$55, and in addition they will receive statewide coverage. On the other hand, many companies normally choose to search criminal records in only one county. For those companies who hire heavily in the New York City area, the fee increase will be strongly felt.

04/28/2008 - Urgent Notice - Effective Thursday, May 1, 2008, the NYS Office of Court Administration's 'Statewide' CHRS fee is increased to \$55.00 for each search. Customers can view NYS Senate Bill 6806-C which was passed on April 23, 2008 requiring increase at:
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A09806&sh=t>

Please note:

As of May 1st, all pricing will be adjusted to reflect the new Office of Court Administration Fee Increase of \$3.00

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SENATE - ASSEMBLY

January 22, 2008

IN SENATE -- A BUDGET BILL, submitted by the Governor pursuant to article seven of the Constitution -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

IN ASSEMBLY -- A BUDGET BILL, submitted by the Governor pursuant to article seven of the Constitution -- read once and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- again reported from said committee with amendments, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- reported and referred to the Committee on Rules -- passed by Assembly and delivered to the Senate, recalled from the Senate, vote reconsidered, restored to special order on third reading, recommitted to the Committee on Ways and Means -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the arts and cultural affairs law, in relation to revising the powers and duties of the empire state plaza arts commission (Part A); Intentionally omitted (Part B); Intentionally omitted (Part C); to amend the executive law, the criminal procedure law, the correction law, and the family court act, in relation to establishing a witness protection program (Part D); Intentionally Omitted (Part E); to amend the state finance law, in relation to imposing a centralized procurement contract fee (Part F); to amend chapter 989 of the laws of 1958 creating a temporary state commission of investigation, in relation to extending the expiration of the provisions thereof (Part G); Intentionally omitted (Part H); to amend the civil service law, in relation to excess provisional employees of a city having a population of one million or more; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof (Part I); Intentionally omitted (Part J); Intentionally Omitted (Part K); Intentionally omitted (Part L); to amend chapter 62 of the laws of 2003, amending the insurance law and other laws relating to motor vehicle law enforcement fees.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets { } is old law to be omitted.
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