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and Correction

AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to notification of rules
and regulations of correctional facilities concerning visitors

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. The correction law is amended by adding a new section 138-a
2 to read as follows:
3 S 138-A. NOTIFICATION OF VISITATION POLICIES. THE COMMISSIONER OF
4 CORRECTIONS AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION SHALL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A
5 PUBLIC WEBSITE THAT PROVIDES INFORMATION CONCERNING SPECIFIC VISITATION
6 RULES, REGULATIONS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR ALL CORRECTIONAL FACILI-
7 TIES. SUCH WEBSITE SHALL PROVIDE INFORMATION WHICH SHALL INCLUDE, BUT
8 NOT BE LIMITED TO, VISITING DAYS AND HOURS, LENGTH AND NUMBER OF ALLOW-
9 ABLE VISITS, MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PEOPLE PER VISIT, DRESS CODE, GUIDELINES
10 FOR PEOPLE WITH MEDICAL AND OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS INCLUDING PHYSICAL
11 ACCESS AND RESTRICTIONS ON MEDICATIONS WHILE IN THE FACILITY, INFANT
12 CARE, AND ITEMS WHICH ARE RESTRICTED OR PROHIBITED BY VISITORS. THE
13 COMMISSIONER SHALL REGULARLY UPDATE THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THE
14 WEBSITE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT SUCH INFORMA-
15 TION IS ACCURATE AND THAT VISITORS ARE NOTIFIED OF ANY NEW, OR CHANGES
16 TO, RULES, REGULATIONS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. IN ADDITION, THE
17 COMMISSIONER SHALL DESIGNATE A TELEPHONE NUMBER OR NUMBERS THAT PERSONS
18 MAY CALL FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE VISITING RULES, REGULATIONS, POLICIES
19 AND PROCEDURES AT THE VARIOUS FACILITIES. SUCH TELEPHONE NUMBER OR
20 NUMBERS SHALL ALSO BE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE.
21 S 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
22 have become a law.

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

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