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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 ASSEMBLY, 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 THE  
4     DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION SHALL ESTABLISH AND  
5     MAINTAIN ON ITS PUBLIC WEBSITE INFORMATION CONCERNING SPECIFIC VISITA-  
6     TION RULES, REGULATIONS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR EACH CORRECTIONAL  
7     FACILITY. SUCH INFORMATION SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, VISIT-  
8     ING DAYS AND HOURS, LENGTH AND NUMBER OF ALLOWABLE VISITS, MAXIMUM  
9     NUMBER OF PEOPLE PER VISIT, DRESS CODE, GUIDELINES FOR PEOPLE WITH  
10    MEDICAL AND OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS INCLUDING PHYSICAL ACCESS AND  
11    RESTRICTIONS ON MEDICATIONS WHILE IN THE FACILITY, INFANT CARE, AND  
12    ITEMS WHICH ARE RESTRICTED OR PROHIBITED BY VISITORS. THE COMMISSIONER  
13    SHALL REGULARLY UPDATE THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THE WEBSITE PURSUANT  
14    TO THIS SECTION IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT SUCH INFORMATION IS ACCURATE AND  
15    THAT VISITORS ARE NOTIFIED OF ANY NEW OR CHANGED RULES, REGULATIONS,  
16    POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. IN ADDITION, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DESIGNATE A  
17    TELEPHONE NUMBER OR NUMBERS THAT PERSONS MAY CALL FOR INFORMATION ABOUT  
18    THE VISITING RULES, REGULATIONS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AT THE VARIOUS  
19    FACILITIES. SUCH TELEPHONE NUMBER OR NUMBERS SHALL ALSO BE POSTED ON THE  
20    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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