

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. GIBBS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Correction

AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to requiring the state to pay for the delivery of the body of a deceased incarcerated individual to their next of kin

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 624-a  
2 to read as follows:

3 § 624-a. Death of incarcerated individual; disposition of body.  
4 Notwithstanding any provision of law, rule or regulation to the contra-  
5 ry, when an incarcerated individual dies in the custody of the depart-  
6 ment, the department shall deliver the body of such incarcerated indi-  
7 vidual to their next of kin who is a relative by blood or marriage or a  
8 bona fide friend. The expense of such delivery shall be borne by the  
9 state.

10 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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