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Introduced by M. of A. KOON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to prohibiting inmates from possessing or viewing media that promotes violence or is sexually explicit

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

Section 1. The correction law is amended by adding a new section 144 to read as follows:

S 144. PROHIBITS INMATES FROM POSSESSING OR VIEWING VIOLENT OR SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MEDIA. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW, RULE OR REGULATION TO THE CONTRARY, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROHIBIT INMATES FROM POSSESSING PUBLICATIONS OR MATERIALS THAT PROMOTE VIOLENCE OR ARE SEXUALLY EXPLICIT. INMATES SHALL NOT RECEIVE OR VIEW ANY MOVIES OR TELEVISION SHOWS THAT HAVE A GREATER LEVEL OF VIOLENCE OR SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MATERIAL AS DESIGNATED IN A PG-13 FILM, AS ESTABLISHED BY THE MOTION PICTURE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA FILM RATING SYSTEM, OR SOME OTHER NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED FILM RATING SYSTEM, AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSIONER.

S 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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