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AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to eligible inmates for temporary release programs

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

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 851 of the correction law, as amended by chapter 60 of the laws of 1994, is amended to read as follows:

2. "Eligible inmate" means a person confined in an institution who is eligible for release on parole or who will become eligible for release on parole or conditional release within two years. Provided, however, that a person under sentence for an offense defined in paragraphs [a] (A) and [b] (B) of subdivision one of section 70.02 of the penal law, where such offense involved the use or threatened use of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument shall not be eligible to participate in a work release program until he or she is eligible for release on parole or who will be eligible for release on parole or conditional release within eighteen months. In the case of a person serving an indeterminate sentence of imprisonment imposed pursuant to the penal law in effect after September one, nineteen hundred sixty-seven, for the purposes of this article parole eligibility shall be upon the expiration of the minimum period of imprisonment fixed by the court or where the court has not fixed any period, after service of the minimum period fixed by the state board of parole. If an inmate is denied release on parole, such inmate shall not be deemed an eligible inmate until he OR SHE is within two years of his or her next scheduled appearance before the state parole board. In any case where an inmate is denied release on parole while participating in a temporary release program, the department shall review the status of the inmate to determine if continued placement in

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

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the program is appropriate. No person convicted of any escape or absconding offense defined in article two hundred five OR BAIL JUMPING AS DEFINED IN SECTION 215.55, 215.56 OR 215.57 of the penal law shall be eligible for temporary release. Further, no person under sentence for any homicide offense defined in article one hundred twenty-five of the penal law or of any sex offense defined in article one hundred thirty of the penal law or of section 255.25 of the penal law shall be eligible to participate in a work release program as defined in subdivision three of this section. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no person who is an otherwise eligible inmate who is under sentence for a crime involving: (a) infliction of serious physical injury upon another as defined in the penal law or (b) any other offense involving the use or threatened use of a deadly weapon may participate in a temporary release program without the written approval of the commissioner. The commissioner shall promulgate regulations giving direction to the temporary release committee at each institution in order to aid such committees in carrying out this mandate.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately, provided, however, that the amendments to subdivision 2 of section 851 of the correction law made by section one of this act shall not affect the expiration of such subdivision and shall be deemed to expire therewith.