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Introduced by Sen. HASSELL-THOMPSON -- (at request of the Department of Correctional Services) -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Crime Victims, Crime and Correction

AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to significant programmatic accomplishments for limited credit time allowances

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

Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 1 of section 803-b of the correction law, as added by section 4 of part L of chapter 56 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

(c) "significant programmatic accomplishment" means that the inmate:

(i) participates in no less than two years of college programming; or

(ii) obtains a masters of professional studies degree; or

(iii) successfully participates as an inmate program associate for no less than two years; or

(iv) receives a certification from the state department of labor for his or her successful participation in an apprenticeship program; or

(v) successfully works as an inmate hospice aid for a period of no less than two years; OR

(VI) SUCCESSFULLY WORKS IN THE DIVISION OF CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES' OPTICAL PROGRAM FOR NO LESS THAN TWO YEARS AND RECEIVES A CERTIFICATION AS AN OPTICIAN FROM THE AMERICAN BOARD OF OPTICIANRY; OR

(VII) RECEIVES AN ASBESTOS HANDLING CERTIFICATE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE TRAINING PROGRAM AND THEN WORKS IN THE DIVISION OF CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES' ASBESTOS ABATEMENT PROGRAM AS A HAZARDOUS MATERIALS REMOVAL WORKER OR GROUP LEADER FOR NO LESS THAN EIGHTEEN MONTHS; OR

(VIII) SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES THE COURSE CURRICULUM AND PASSES THE MINIMUM COMPETENCY SCREENING PROCESS PERFORMANCE EXAMINATION FOR SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER, AND THEN WORKS AS A SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER FOR DEAF INMATES FOR NO LESS THAN ONE YEAR; OR

(IX) SUCCESSFULLY WORKS IN THE PUPPIES BEHIND BARS PROGRAM FOR A PERIOD OF NO LESS THAN TWO YEARS.

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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