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AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to requiring officials in corrections facilities to provide information to and instruct and assist certain prisoners in applications for Medicaid

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

1 Section 1. Section 618 of the correction law is amended by adding a
2 new subdivision 4 to read as follows:
3 4. OFFICIALS OF CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS SHALL PROVIDE INFORMATION
4 AND INSTRUCTION TO AND SHALL ASSIST PRISONERS WHO WILL BE RELEASED FROM
5 THE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN PREPARING AND APPLYING FOR THE HEALTH
6 INSURANCE PROGRAM KNOWN AS MEDICAID. SUCH OFFICIALS SHALL NOTIFY ALL
7 SUCH PRISONERS, AT LEAST NINETY DAYS PRIOR TO THEIR RELEASE FROM THE
8 INSTITUTION, OF THE MEDICAID PROGRAM, HOW TO APPLY TO RECEIVE MEDICAID
9 SO THAT THEY MAY RECEIVE IT AFTER THEIR RELEASE FROM THE INSTITUTION AND
10 HOW TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE AT THE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION TO APPLY FOR
11 MEDICAID.
12 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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