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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. GALLIVAN -- (at request of the State Commission of Correction) -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Crime Victims, Crime and Correction -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Rules -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to health care services for county jail inmates

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 501 of the correction law is amended to read as follows:

§ 501. Jail physician. **1.** The board of supervisors of each county, except New York, must appoint some reputable physician, duly authorized to practice medicine, as the physician to the jail of the county. If there is more than one jail they must appoint a physician to each. The physician to a jail holds his office at the pleasure of the board which appointed him, except in the county of Kings. In that county, the term of his office is three years.

2. Notwithstanding subdivision one of this section, a county board of supervisors may instead procure the services of a professional partnership, a professional service corporation, a professional service limited liability company or a registered limited liability company, duly authorized to practice medicine in the state, for the purpose of providing health services to the inmates of the jail, provided that one physician from any such professional partnership, professional services corporation, professional service limited liability company or registered limited liability company shall be designated by the board to act as the chief medical officer of the jail.

§ 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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