STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 13, 2020

Introduced by Sen. COMRIE -- 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 allowing certain additional privileges to inmates when visitation is suspended for any reason

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 138-b to read as follows:

§ 138-b. Suspension of visitation privileges. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in the event that the visitation of inmates is suspended due to a declaration of a state of emergency by the governor, a local official or for any other reason, each inmate in a correctional facility shall be allowed and shall receive, in addition to any other privilege:

(a) seven or more free stamps per week for use in accordance with Directive #4422, "Inmate Correspondence Program";

(b) two or more free secure messages per week via electronic tablet; and

(c) two or more free phone calls per week in accordance with Directive #4423, "Inmate Telephone Calls".

2. The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this section.

§ 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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