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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Mosley) -read once and referred to the Committee on Correction

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to revocation of community supervision

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

Section 1. Section 259 of the executive law is amended by adding five 2 new subdivisions 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 to read as follows:

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- 5. "Releasee" means an individual released from an institution under 4 the jurisdiction of the department into the community on temporary 5 release, presumptive release, parole, conditional release, post-release supervision or medical parole.
- 7 6. "Technical violation" means any violation of a condition of community supervision in an important respect other than conduct that if 9 proved would be a felony offense, or a misdemeanor offense under article 10 one hundred twenty, one hundred twenty-one, one hundred thirty, one 11 hundred thirty-five, two hundred sixty-five or four hundred eighty-five 12 of the penal law.
- 7. "Absconding" means intentionally avoiding supervision by failing to 14 maintain contact or communication with the releasee's assigned community supervision officer or area bureau office and to notify his or her 16 assigned community supervision officer or area bureau office of a change in residence, and reasonable efforts by the assigned community supervision officer to re-engage the releasee have been unsuccessful. 18
- 8. "Tier 1 violation" means any technical violation not included in 19 the definition of a Tier 2 violation. 20
- 21 9. "Tier 2 violation" means any of the following technical violations: 22 violating curfew; failure to pay surcharges and fees, including fees imposed pursuant to section 60.35 of the penal law, sections eighteen 24 <u>hundred nine and eighteen hundred nine-c of the vehicle and traffic law</u>, 25 or section 27.12 of the parks, recreation and historic preservation law; 26 obtaining a driver's license or driving a car with a valid driver's license, provided however it shall not be a tier 2 violation if such 27 28 action is explicitly prohibited as a condition of such person's

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

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sentence; positive test for or use or possession of alcohol, drugs, a controlled substance without proper medical authorization, or drug 3 paraphernalia, provided however it shall not be a tier 2 violation if 4 the releasee is subject to community supervision due to a conviction related to alcohol or drugs pursuant to section eleven hundred ninetytwo of the vehicle and traffic law; failing to notify a community super-7 vision officer of a change in employment or program status; failing to 8 notify a community supervision officer of a change in residence, provided however it shall not be a tier 2 violation if the releasee was 9 10 absconding; failure to make office or written reports as directed, 11 provided however it shall not be a tier 2 violation if the releasee was absconding; leaving the state of New York or any other state to which 12 the releasee is released or transferred or any area defined in writing 13 14 by his parole officer, without permission, provided however it shall not 15 be a tier 2 violation if the releasee was absconding; failure to notify 16 community supervision officer of contact with any law enforcement agen-17 cy, provided however it shall not be a tier 2 violation if the releasee intended to hide evidence of his or others' behavior that constitutes a 18 19 violation of the penal law; and failure to obey any other special condi-20 tion of community supervision, provided however it shall not be a tier 2 21 violation if the failure cannot be addressed in the community with coun-22 seling, treatment, or programming and all reasonable community-based means to address the failure have been exhausted. 23 24

- § 2. Any releasee who is detained on the effective date of this act pursuant to a warrant issued for an alleged technical violation shall be restored to community supervision. For any such releasee who has been detained for fewer than thirty days, the board may issue and promptly serve a written notice of violation on such releasee according to the terms of subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (c) of subdivision 3 of section 259-i of the executive law.
- § 3. Any releasee who has been incarcerated for thirty days or more on the effective date of this act for a sustained technical parole violation shall be immediately restored to community supervision. All other releasees incarcerated on the effective date of this act for a sustained technical parole violation shall be restored to supervision after serving thirty days, or released at the end of the releasee's period of community supervision, whichever shall be sooner.
- § 4. Any releasee detained on the effective date of this act pursuant to a warrant issued for an alleged non-technical violation shall receive a recognizance hearing pursuant to paragraph (a) of subdivision 3 of section 259-i of the executive law within 72 hours of the effective date of this act.
- § 5. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 3 of section 259-i of the executive law, as amended by chapter 545 of the laws of 2015, is amended and five new subparagraphs (iv), (v), (vi), (vii) and (viii) are added to read as follows:
- (i) If the parole officer having charge of a presumptively released, paroled or conditionally released person or a person released to postrelease supervision or a person received under the uniform act for outof-state parolee supervision shall have reasonable cause to believe that such person has [lapsed into criminal ways or company, or has violated one or more conditions of his presumptive release, parole, conditional release or post-release supervision committed a technical violation, 54 such parole officer shall report such fact to a member of the board, or 55 to any officer of the department designated by the board, and thereupon 56 a written notice of violation may be issued according to the terms of

subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (c) of this subdivision, and shall be promptly served upon such person. If the releasee has failed to appear as directed in response to a notice of violation and has failed to 3 4 appear voluntarily within forty-eight hours after such time and the 5 person would be subject to incarceration pursuant to subparagraph (xii) 6 of paragraph (f) of this subdivision should the violation be sustained 7 at a final revocation hearing, a warrant may be issued for the retaking 8 of such person and for his temporary detention in accordance with the 9 rules of the board. If the person has failed to appear as directed in response to a notice of violation and has failed to appear voluntarily 10 11 within forty-eight hours after such time and the person would not be subject to incarceration pursuant to subparagraph (xii) of paragraph (f) 12 13 of this subdivision should the violation be sustained at a final revoca-14 tion hearing, no warrant shall issue and the violation shall be deemed 15 sustained. Notice of that decision shall be promptly served upon the 16 releasee. In such case, within one month of the date the notice of deci-17 sion was served upon the releasee, the releasee may move to vacate such a sustained violation if the releasee can show that the notice of 18 violation was not properly served or the failure to appear was otherwise 19 20 excusable. If the parole officer having charge of a presumptively 21 released, paroled or conditionally released person or a person released to post-release supervision or a person received under the uniform act 22 for out of state parolee supervision shall have reasonable cause to 23 24 believe that such person has committed a non-technical violation, such parole officer shall report such fact to a member of the board, or to 25 26 any officer of the department designated by the board, and thereupon a 27 notice of violation may be issued or a warrant may be issued for the 28 retaking of such person and for his temporary detention in accordance 29 with the rules of the board [unless such person]. However, if a releas-30 ee has been determined to be currently unfit to proceed to trial or is 31 currently subject to a temporary or final order of observation pursuant 32 to article seven hundred thirty of the criminal procedure law, [in which 33 case no notice of violation or warrant shall be issued. The issuance of 34 a notice of violation, service of a notice of violation, service of a notice of decision, and the retaking and detention of any [such] person 35 36 for whom a warrant has been issued pursuant to this subparagraph may be 37 further regulated by rules and regulations of the department not incon-38 sistent with this article. A warrant issued pursuant to this section shall constitute sufficient authority to the superintendent or other 39 person in charge of any jail, penitentiary, lockup or detention pen to 40 41 whom it is delivered to hold in temporary detention the person named 42 therein[ + except that a warrant issued with respect to a person who has been released on medical parole pursuant to section two hundred fifty-43 44 nine-r of this article and whose parole is being revoked pursuant to 45 paragraph (h) of subdivision four of such section shall constitute 46 authority for the immediate placement of the parolee only into imprison-47 ment in the custody of the department to hold in temporary detention. A 48 warrant issued pursuant to this section shall also constitute sufficient authority to the person in charge of a drug treatment campus, as defined 49 in subdivision twenty of section two of the correction law, to hold the 50 51 person named therein, in accordance with the procedural requirements of this section, for a period of at least ninety days to complete an inten-52 53 sive drug treatment program mandated by the board as an alternative to 54 presumptive release or parole or conditional release revocation, or the 55 revocation of post-release supervision, and shall also constitute sufficient authority for return of the person named therein to local custody

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to hold in temporary detention for further revocation proceedings in the event said person does not successfully complete the intensive drug treatment program. The board's rules shall provide for cancellation of delinquency and restoration to supervision upon the successful completion of the program for up to twenty-four hours pending a recognizance hearing pursuant to subparagraph (iv) of this paragraph. It shall no longer be a condition of parole nor may a notice of violation or a warrant be issued due to a releasee being in the company of or fraternizing with any person the releasee knows has a criminal record or knows has been adjudicated a youthful offender.

(iv) Upon execution of a warrant issued pursuant to this section, the authorized officer shall take the releasee to a local court with criminal jurisdiction for a recognizance hearing. Such recognizance hearing shall commence within twenty-four hours of the execution of the warrant.

(v) At a recognizance hearing, the department shall have the burden to demonstrate to the court that the executed warrant was properly issued and served pursuant to this section.

(vi) At a recognizance hearing, the court shall consider all available evidence of the releasee's employment, family and community ties including length of residency in the community, history of reporting in a timely fashion to a parole or supervisory officer, other indicators of stability and the reasons for the releasee's failure to appear at the prior preliminary or revocation hearing. At the conclusion of the recognizance hearing, the court may order that the releasee be detained pending preliminary or final revocation hearings only upon a finding that the releasee currently presents a substantial risk of willfully failing to appear at the preliminary or final revocation hearings and that no non-monetary condition or combination of conditions in the community will reasonably assure the releasee's appearance at the preliminary or final revocation hearings. Otherwise, the court shall release the releasee on the least restrictive non-monetary conditions that will reasonably assure the releasee's appearance at subsequent preliminary or revocation hearings, with a presumption of release on recognizance. The court shall explain its decision on the record or in writing. If nonmonetary conditions of release are imposed, the releasee shall not be required to pay for any part of the cost of such conditions.

(vii) The alleged violator shall have a right to representation by counsel at the recognizance hearing. In any case, including when a court is called upon to evaluate the capacity of an alleged violator in a recognizance proceeding, where such person is financially unable to retain counsel, the criminal court of the city of New York, the county court or district court in the county where the violation is alleged to have occurred or where the hearing is held, shall assign counsel in accordance with the county or city plan for representation placed in operation pursuant to article eighteen-B of the county law.

(viii) Such recognizance hearing may be held at the same time as a proceeding pursuant to article five hundred thirty of the criminal procedure law based on the same alleged conduct. If at the proceeding pursuant to article five hundred thirty of the criminal procedure law the court imposes bail or commits the releasee to the custody of the sheriff pursuant to article five hundred thirty of the criminal procedure law and the releasee secures release by paying bail or by operation of law, then the releasee shall not be detained further based solely on the warrant issued by the department. If the department issues a warrant for a non-technical violation for alleged criminal conduct that has already been the subject of a court's order pursuant to article five

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hundred thirty of the criminal procedure law, then within twenty-four hours of execution of the warrant the releasee shall be provided a recognizance hearing pursuant to this subparagraph.

- § 6. Subparagraphs (i), (iii) and (iv) of paragraph (c) of subdivision 3 of section 259-i of the executive law, subparagraph (i) as amended by section 11 of part E of chapter 62 of the laws of 2003, and subparagraphs (iii) and (iv) as amended by section 1 of part E of chapter 56 of the laws of 2007, are amended and two new subparagraphs (ix) and (x) are added to read as follows:
- [Within] (A) For any alleged non-technical violation, within fifteen days after the warrant for retaking and temporary detention has been executed, unless the releasee has been convicted of a new crime committed while under presumptive release, parole, conditional release or post-release supervision, the board of parole shall afford the alleged presumptive release, parole, conditional release or post-release supervision violator a preliminary revocation hearing before a hearing officer designated by the board of parole. Such hearing officer shall not have had any prior supervisory involvement over the alleged violator.
- (B) For any alleged technical violation for which a notice of violation was issued or a person was released pursuant to subparagraph (vi) of paragraph (a) of this subdivision, the department shall within ten days of the issuance of the notice of violation or the order of release, whichever is later, afford the person a preliminary revocation hearing before a hearing officer designated by the department. Such hearing officer shall not have had any prior supervisory involvement over the alleged violator. Such hearing shall not be held at a correctional facility, detention center or local correctional facility.
- (C) For any alleged technical violation for which a court issued an order detaining a person pursuant to subparagraph (vi) of paragraph (a) of this subdivision and the person would be subject to reincarceration of up to thirty days pursuant to subparagraph (x) of paragraph (f) of this subdivision should the violation be sustained at a final revocation hearing, then within five days of the issuance of the order of detention the department shall afford such person a preliminary revocation hearing before a hearing officer designated by the department. Such hearing officer shall not have had any prior supervisory involvement over the alleged violator. Such hearing shall not be held at a correctional facility, detention center or a local correctional facility.
- (iii) The alleged violator shall, [within three days of the execution of the warrant at the time a notice of violation is issued or at the time of a recognizance hearing, be given written notice of the time, place and purpose of the preliminary hearing [unless he or she is detained pursuant to the provisions of subparagraph (iv) of paragraph (a) of this subdivision. In those instances, the alleged violator will be given written notice of the time, place and purpose of the hearing within five days of the execution of the warrant], or if no preliminary hearing is required pursuant to this section, of the final revocation The notice shall state what conditions of [presumptive release, parole, conditional release or post-release] community supervision are alleged to have been violated, when, where, and in what manner; that such person shall have the right to appear and speak in his or her own behalf; that he or she shall have the right to introduce 54 letters and documents; that he or she may present witnesses who can give relevant information to the hearing officer; that he or she has the right to confront the witnesses against him or her: that such person

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shall have the right to representation by counsel at any preliminary and final revocation hearings; and the name and contact details for institutional defenders or assigned private counsel, as applicable. Adverse witnesses may be compelled to attend the preliminary hearing unless the prisoner has been convicted of a new crime while on supervision or unless the hearing officer finds good cause for their non-attendance. As far as practicable or feasible, any additional documents having been collected or prepared that [support] are relevant to the charge shall be delivered to the alleged violator.

(iv) [The preliminary hearing shall be scheduled to take place no than fifteen days from the date of execution of the warrant. ] The standard of proof at the preliminary hearing shall be probable cause to believe that the [presumptive releasee, parolee, conditional releasee or person under post-release supervision | releasee has violated one or more conditions of his or her [presumptive release, parole, conditional release or post-release] community supervision in an important respect. Proof of conviction of a crime committed while under supervision shall constitute probable cause for the purposes of this section.

(ix) If the hearing officer finds probable cause that such person has violated one or more conditions of community supervision in an important respect, the releasee shall, at the conclusion of the preliminary hearing be given written notice of the time, place and purpose of the final revocation hearing. The notice shall state what conditions of community supervision are alleged to have been violated, when, where and in what manner; that such person shall have the right to representation by counsel at any final revocation hearing; that such person shall have the right to appear and speak in his or her own behalf; that he or she shall have the right to introduce letters and documents; that he or she may present witnesses who can give relevant information to the hearing officer; that he or she has the right to confront the witnesses against him or her; and the name and contact details for institutional defenders or assigned private counsel, as applicable. Any additional documents having been collected or prepared that are relevant to the charge shall be delivered to the releasee. Adverse witnesses may be compelled to attend the final revocation hearing unless the prisoner has been convicted of a new crime while on supervision or unless the hearing officer finds good cause for their non-attendance.

(x) The alleged violator shall have a right to representation by counsel at the preliminary hearing. In any case, including when a court is called upon to evaluate the capacity of an alleged violator in a preliminary proceeding, where such person is financially unable to retain counsel, the criminal court of the city of New York, the county court or district court in the county where the violation is alleged to have occurred or where the hearing is held, shall assign counsel in accordance with the county or city plan for representation placed in operation pursuant to article eighteen-B of the county law.

- § 7. Paragraph (f) of subdivision 3 of section 259-i of the executive law, as amended by section 11 of part E of chapter 62 of the laws of 2003, subparagraph (v) as amended and subparagraph (xii) as added by chapter 545 of the laws of 2015 and subparagraph (x) as amended by section 38-f-1 of subpart A of part C of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- (f) (i) [Revocation] For any alleged non-technical violations, revoca-54 tion hearings shall be scheduled to be held within [ninety | thirty days probable cause determination. For any alleged technical the violations:

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(A) If the releasee is detained pursuant to subparagraph (vi) of paragraph (a) of this subdivision and the person would be subject to reincarceration of up to seven days pursuant to subparagraph (xii) of this paragraph should the violation be sustained at a final revocation hearing, then within two days of the issuance of the order of detention, the department shall afford such person a final revocation hearing in person before a hearing officer designated by the department. Such hearing officer shall not have had any prior supervisory involvement over the alleged violator. No preliminary revocation hearing shall be held in this instance.

(B) If the releasee is detained pursuant to subparagraph (vi) of paragraph (a) of this subdivision and the person would be subject to reincarceration of up to fifteen days pursuant to subparagraph (xii) of this paragraph should the violation be sustained at a final revocation hearing, then within four days of the issuance of the order of detention, the department shall afford such person a final revocation hearing in person before a hearing officer designated by the department. Such hearing officer shall not have had any prior supervisory involvement over the alleged violator. No preliminary revocation hearing shall be held in this instance.

(C) If the releasee is detained pursuant to subparagraph (vi) of paragraph (a) of this subdivision and the person would be subject to reincarceration of up to thirty days pursuant to subparagraph (x) of this paragraph should the violation be sustained at a final revocation hearing, then within ten days after the issuance of the order of detention, the department shall afford such person a final revocation hearing in person before a hearing officer designated by the department. Such hearing officer shall not have had any prior supervisory involvement over the alleged violator.

(D) If a notice of violation was issued or the releasee was released pursuant to subparagraph (vi) of paragraph (a) of this subdivision the department shall within thirty days of the issuance of the notice of violation or the order of release afford the person a final revocation hearing in person before a hearing officer designated by the department. Such hearing officer shall not have had any prior supervisory involvement over the alleged violator. Such hearing shall not be held at a correctional facility, detention center or local correctional facility.

(E) However, if an alleged violator requests and receives any post-ponement of his revocation hearing, or consents to a postponed revocation proceeding initiated by the board, or if an alleged violator, by his actions otherwise precludes the prompt conduct of such proceedings, the time limit may be extended.

(ii) The revocation hearing shall be conducted by a presiding officer who may be a member or a hearing officer designated by the board in accordance with rules of the board.

(iii) Both the alleged violator and an attorney who has filed a notice of appearance on his behalf in accordance with the rules of the board of parole shall be given written notice of the date, place and time of the hearing [as soon as possible but at least fourteen days prior to the scheduled date] pursuant to subparagraph (ix) of paragraph (c) of this subdivision.

(iv) The alleged violator shall be given written notice of the rights enumerated in subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (c) of this subdivision as well as of his right to present mitigating evidence relevant to restoration to presumptive release, parole, conditional release or post-release supervision and his right to counsel.

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(v) The alleged violator shall be permitted representation by counsel at the revocation hearing. In any case, including when a superior court is called upon to evaluate the capacity of an alleged violator in a parole revocation proceeding, where such person is financially unable to retain counsel, the criminal court of the city of New York, the county court or district court in the county where the violation is alleged to have occurred or where the hearing is held, shall assign counsel in accordance with the county or city plan for representation placed in operation pursuant to article eighteen-B of the county law. He or she shall have the right to confront and cross-examine adverse witnesses, unless there is good cause for their non-attendance as determined by the presiding officer; present witnesses and documentary evidence in defense of the charges; and present witnesses and documentary evidence relevant to the question whether reincarceration of the alleged violator appropriate.

(vi) At the revocation hearing, the charges shall be read and the alleged violator shall be permitted to plead not guilty, guilty, guilty with explanation or to stand mute. As to each charge, evidence shall be introduced through witnesses and documents, if any, in support of that charge. At the conclusion of each witness's direct testimony, he shall be made available for cross-examination. If the alleged violator intends to present a defense to the charges or to present evidence of mitigating circumstances, the alleged violator shall do so after presentation of all the evidence in support of a violation of presumptive release, parole, conditional release or post-release supervision.

(vii) All persons giving evidence at the revocation hearing shall be sworn before giving any testimony as provided by law.

(viii) At the conclusion of the hearing the presiding officer may sustain any or all of the violation charges or may dismiss any or all violation charges. He may sustain a violation charge only if the charge is supported by a preponderance of the evidence adduced.

(ix) If the presiding officer is not satisfied that there is a preponderance of evidence in support of the violation, he shall dismiss the violation, cancel the delinquency and restore the person to presumptive release, parole, conditional release or post-release supervision.

(x) If the presiding officer is satisfied that there is a preponderance of evidence that the alleged violator violated one or more conditions of release in an important respect, he or she shall so find. Incarceration shall not be imposed for any tier 2 violation. For each tier 1 violation so found, the presiding officer may (A) direct that the [presumptive releasee, parolee, conditional releasee or person serving a period of post-release supervision; releasee be restored to supervision; (B) as an alternative to reincarceration, direct the [presumptive releasee, parolee, conditional releasee or person serving a period of post-release supervision be placed in a parele transition facility for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days and subsequent restoration to supervision | releasee receive re-entry services in the community from qualified nonprofit agencies; or (C) [in the case of presumptive releasees, parolees or conditional releasees, subject to subparagraph (xi) of this paragraph direct the violator's reincarceration [and fix a date for consideration by the board for re-release on presumptive release, or parole or conditional release, as the case may be; or (D) in the case of persons released to a period of post-release supervision, direct the 54 violator's reingargeration up to the balance of the remaining period of 55 post-release supervision, not to exceed five years; provided, however, 56 that a defendant serving a term of post-release supervision for a

conviction of a felony sex offense defined in section 70.80 of the penal 1 law may be subject to a further period of imprisonment up to the balance 3 of the remaining period of post-release supervision], subject to the following limitations: (1) for absconding, up to seven days reincarcera-4 tion may be imposed for the first violation, up to fifteen days reincar-6 ceration may be imposed for the second violation, and up to thirty days reincarceration may be imposed for the third or any subsequent 7 violation; and (2) for all other tier 1 violations no period of reincar-8 9 ceration may be imposed for the first and second substantiated technical 10 violations for which incarceration may be imposed; up to seven days reincarceration may be imposed for the third substantiated technical 11 violation for which incarceration may be imposed; up to fifteen days 12 reincarceration may be imposed for the fourth substantiated technical 13 violation for which incarceration may be imposed; up to thirty days 14 reincarceration may be imposed for the fifth and subsequent substanti-15 16 ated technical violations for which incarceration may be imposed. If a 17 warrant was executed pursuant to subparagraph (vi) of paragraph (a) of 18 this subdivision and the person was detained pursuant to such subparagraph pending preliminary or revocation hearings, any period of reincar-19 ceration imposed pursuant to this paragraph shall be counted from the 20 21 date of the execution of the warrant. If a warrant was executed pursuant 22 to subparagraph (vi) of paragraph (a) of this subdivision but a court released the person pending preliminary or revocation hearings, any 23 24 period of reincarceration imposed pursuant to this paragraph shall be counted from the date of issuance of a determination after a final hear-25 26 ing that the person has violated one or more conditions of community 27 supervision, and the time between execution of the warrant and release 28 of the person pending preliminary or revocation hearings shall count toward the period of reincarceration imposed pursuant to this paragraph. 29 If a releasee is committed to the custody of the sheriff pursuant to 30 article five hundred thirty of the criminal procedure law for conduct 31 32 that is the subject of a notice of violation, any time the person spent 33 confined in jail shall count towards any period of reincarceration imposed pursuant to this paragraph. In all cases, the presiding officer 34 shall impose the least restrictive reasonable sanction. Any periods of 35 36 reincarceration shall run concurrently if more than one violation is 37 adjudicated. If a period of reincarceration is imposed pursuant to this 38 paragraph, the releasee shall be released from custody upon expiration of the period or the end of the releasee's period of community super-39 40 vision, whichever shall be sooner. [For the violator serving an indeterminate sentence who while re-incarcerated has not been found by the 41 department to have committed a serious disciplinary infraction, such 42 violator shall be re-released on the date fixed at the revocation hear-43 ing. For the violator serving an indeterminate sentence who has been 44 45 found by the department to have committed a serious disciplinary infrac-46 tion while re-incarcerated, the department shall refer the violator to 47 the board for consideration for re-release to community supervision. 48 Upon such referral the board may waive the personal interview between a 49 member or members of the board and the violator to determine the suitability for re-release when the board directs that the violator be 50 re-released upon expiration of the time assessment. The board shall 51 retain the authority to suspend the date fixed for re-release based on 52 the violator's commission of a serious disciplinary infraction and shall 53 54 in such case require a personal interview be conducted within a reasonable time between a panel of members of the board and the violator to 55 determine suitability for re-release. If an interview is required, the

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## board shall notify the violator in advance of the date and time of such interview in accordance with the rules and regulations of the board.

(xi) If the presiding officer sustains any violations, he must prepare a written statement, to be made available to the alleged violator and his counsel, indicating the evidence relied upon and the reasons for revoking presumptive release, parole, conditional release or post-release supervision, and for the disposition made.

8 (xii) If at any time during a revocation proceeding the alleged violator, his or her counsel, or an employee of the department contends, or 9 10 if it reasonably appears to the hearing officer, that the alleged viola-11 tor is an incapacitated person as that term is defined in subdivision one of section 730.10 of the criminal procedure law and no judicial 12 13 determination has been made that the alleged violator is an incapaci-14 tated person, the revocation proceeding shall be temporarily stayed 15 until the superior court determines whether or not the person is fit to 16 proceed. The matter shall be promptly referred to the superior court for 17 determination of the alleged violator's fitness to proceed in a manner consistent with the provisions of article seven hundred thirty of the 18 19 criminal procedure law, provided however that the superior court shall 20 immediately appoint counsel for any unrepresented alleged violator 21 eligible for appointed counsel under subparagraph (v) of this paragraph 22 (f) of subdivision three of section two hundred fifty-nine-i of this chapter]. The court shall decide whether or not the alleged violator is 23 24 incapacitated within thirty days of the referral from the hearing offi-25 cer. If the court determines that the alleged violator is not an inca-26 pacitated person, the court shall order that the matter be returned to 27 the board of parole for continuation and disposition of the revocation 28 proceeding. If the court determines that the alleged violator is an 29 incapacitated person and if no felony charges are pending against the 30 alleged violator, the court shall issue a final order of observation 31 committing such person to the custody of the commissioner of mental 32 health or the commissioner of developmental disabilities for care and 33 treatment in an appropriate institution in a manner consistent with subdivision one of section 730.40 of the criminal procedure law. If a 34 final order of observation has been issued pursuant to this section, the 35 36 hearing officer shall dismiss the violation charges and such dismissal 37 shall act as a bar to any further proceeding under this section against 38 the alleged violator for such violations. If felony criminal charges are 39 pending at any time against an alleged violator who has been referred to 40 superior court for a fitness evaluation but before a determination of 41 fitness has been made pursuant to this section, the court shall decide 42 whether or not the alleged violator is incapacitated pursuant to article 43 seven hundred thirty of the criminal procedure law and the revocation proceeding shall be held in abeyance until such decision has been 44 45 reached. The hearing officer shall adopt the capacity finding of the 46 court and either terminate the revocation process if an order of obser-47 vation has been made by the court or proceed with the revocation hearing 48 if the alleged violator has been found not to be an incapacitated 49

§ 8. This act shall take effect immediately.