STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

October 23, 2019

Introduced by M. of A. WEPRIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Correction

AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to inmate access to confidential phone calls

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

Section 1. Section 623 of the correction law is amended by adding a new subdivision 5 to read as follows:

5. In order to provide unimpeded access to the courts, all inmates in state and local correctional facilities shall be permitted confidential telephone calls with legal service providers or any attorney in the state without charge to the inmate or the attorney. No such telephone call may be recorded, monitored or unreasonably restricted by such correctional facility, the department or any other entity entering into a contract to provide inmate telephone services, however, such telephone call may be subject to restrictions and recordings by such legal services provider or attorney.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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