

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. GALLIVAN, AKSHAR, GRIFFO, HELMING -- 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 the prohibition of double-bunked housing in correctional facilities

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

1 Section 1. The correction law is amended by adding a new section 607  
2 to read as follows:

3 § 607. Prohibition of double-bunked housing. 1. For purposes of this  
4 section "double-bunked housing" shall mean the practice of inmate hous-  
5 ing where bunk beds are used in a dormitory setting, with inmates resid-  
6 ing in an open space and sleeping on bunk beds.

7 2. Upon the effective date of this section, the department is prohib-  
8 ited from housing inmates using double-bunked housing practices in  
9 correctional facilities. Any inmates housed in such double-bunked hous-  
10 ing on the effective date of this section shall be moved to other hous-  
11 ing accommodations provided that such accommodations are not located in  
12 a more restrictive housing unit or correctional facility unless other-  
13 wise appropriate.

14 3. The department is authorized to promulgate or repeal any rules and  
15 regulations necessary to facilitate the implementation of this section.

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

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

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