

STATE OF NEW YORK

6582

2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

June 17, 2019

Introduced by Sen. SEPULVEDA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

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.

LBD02991-01-9