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Introduced by M. of A. JONES, ABBATE, TAYLOR, J. RIVERA, LUPARDO, J. M. GIGLIO, PALMESANO, GOTTFRIED, COOK, WALSH, WEPRIN, FRIEND, WALCZYK, BYRNES, GUNTHER, BUTTENSCHON -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BARCLAY, HAWLEY, MANKTELOW -- read once and referred to the Committee on 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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