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Introduced by Sens. SEPULVEDA, GALLIVAN, HARCKHAM, SALAZAR -- 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:

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

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

2. Upon the effective date of this section, the department is prohibited from housing inmates using double-bunked housing practices in correctional facilities. Any inmates housed in such double-bunked housing on the effective date of this section shall be moved to other housing accommodations provided that such accommodations are not located in a more restrictive housing unit or correctional facility unless otherwise appropriate.

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

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth 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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