# STATE OF NEW YORK

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# IN SENATE

January 20, 2021

Introduced by Sen. GALLIVAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Mental Health

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to certain persons authorized to visit inmate-patient facilities

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

Section 1. The mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new section 29.27-a to read as follows:

**§ 29.27-a Persons authorized to visit inmate-patient facilities of the department.**

**The following persons shall be authorized to visit at pleasure all inmate-patient facilities of the department: the governor and lieutenant-governor, commissioner of general services, secretary of state, comptroller and attorney general, members of the legislature and any employee of the inmate-patient facility as requested by the member of the legislature if the member requests to be so accompanied, provided that such request does not impact upon the department's ability to manage its facilities as determined by the commissioner, judges of the court of appeals, supreme court and county judges, district attorneys and county sheriffs. No other person not otherwise authorized by law shall be permitted to enter an inmate-patient facility of the department except by authority of the commissioner of mental health under such regulations, as the commissioner shall prescribe.**

§ 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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