STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 22, 2021

Introduced by Sen. LANZA -- 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 requiring a mental health medical professional to examine inmates in solitary confinement

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

Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 6 of section 137 of the correction law, as amended by chapter 490 of the laws of 1974, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Where such confinement is for a period in excess of twenty-four hours, the superintendent shall arrange **for a medical professional with an expertise in mental health and** for the facility health services director, or a registered nurse or physician's associate approved by the facility health services director to visit such inmate at the expiration of twenty-four hours and at least once in every twenty-four hour period thereafter, during the period of such confinement, to examine into the state of health of the inmate, and the superintendent shall give full consideration to any recommendation that may be made by the facility health services director for measures with respect to dietary needs or conditions of confinement of such inmate required to maintain the health of such inmate; and

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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