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Introduced by Sens. MYRIE, COONEY, GOUNARDES, HOYLMAN, JACKSON, KRUEGER, SALAZAR, STAVISKY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing an amendment to article 1 of the constitution, in relation to the abolition of slavery for persons convicted of crimes

Section 1. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That article 1 of the constitution be amended by adding a new section 20 to read as follows:

§ 20. Abolition of slavery for persons convicted of crimes. Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude shall exist in the state of New York for persons convicted of crimes. No incarcerated individual in any state or local prison, penitentiary, jail or reformatory shall be compelled or induced to provide labor against his or her will by actual or threatened force, punishment, sexual assault, or by any other means reasonably likely to cause the incarcerated individual to believe that if they do not provide such labor that they or another person would suffer physical, emotional or mental harm, or other adverse consequences.

Any incarcerated individual who voluntarily provides labor shall be entitled to compensation and all labor protections that would be provided for work of a similar nature, but for such individual's condition of incarceration. This section shall be self-executing.

§ 2. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That the foregoing be referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the next succeeding general election of members of the assembly, and, in conformity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be published for 3 months previous to the time of such election.

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

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