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## IN SENATE

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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:

1 Section 1. The mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new section  
2 29.27-a to read as follows:

3 § 29.27-a Persons authorized to visit inmate-patient facilities of the  
4 department.

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

18 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
19 have become a law.

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

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