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(Prefiled)

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Introduced by Sens. GALLIVAN, BORRELLO, OBERACKER, RHOADS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Mental Health -- recommitted to the Committee on Mental Health in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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. Section 29.27 of the mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new subdivision (k) to read as follows:

(k) The following persons shall be authorized to visit at pleasure any facility designated by the commissioner for care and treatment under this section, provided that such persons shall make a concerted effort to notify the director of any facility, as soon as practicable, that a visit will occur: the governor and lieutenant-governor, commissioner of general services, secretary of state, comptroller, attorney general, and members of the legislature. The director of a facility shall be authorized to deny any visit, if the director determines that the visit would interfere with the regularly scheduled therapeutic activities or there would be an impact upon the ability to manage such facility. No other person not otherwise authorized by law shall be permitted to enter a facility of the office except by authority of the commissioner 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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