

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

March 23, 2023

Introduced by M. of A. WEPRIN, AUBRY, COOK, HYNDMAN, MORINELLO, TAYLOR  
-- read once and referred to the Committee on Mental Health -- recom-  
mitted to the Committee on Mental Health in accordance with Assembly  
Rule 3, sec. 2 -- 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 Assem-  
bly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 29.27 of the mental hygiene law is amended by  
2 adding a new subdivision (k) to read as follows:

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

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

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

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