STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

July 7, 2023

Introduced by M. of A. EPSTEIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Correction -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to notifying the press and public of the death of an incarcerated individual or any other individual occurring in the custody of the department of corrections and community supervision

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

Section 1. The correction law is amended by adding a new section 17 to read as follows:

§ 17. Notice of death in a correctional facility. Within twenty-four hours of the death of an incarcerated individual or any other individual occurring in the custody of the department, the department shall notify the press and the public of such death by department press release and by posting on the department's public website.

§ 2. The correction law is amended by adding a new section 511 to read as follows:

§ 511. Notice of death in a correctional facility. Within twenty-four hours of the death of an incarcerated individual or any other individual under the custody of the department, the department, the sheriff of the county, or in counties within the city of New York the commissioner of correction of such city, or in the county of Westchester the commissioner of correction of such county shall notify the press and the public of such death by press release and by posting on the locality's public website.

§ 3. 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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