STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 12, 2024

Introduced by Sen. COMRIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Crime Victims, Crime and Correction

AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to allowing certain additional privileges to incarcerated individuals when visitation is suspended for any reason

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 138-b to read as follows:

§ 138-b. Suspension of visitation privileges. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in the event that the visitation of incarcerated individuals is suspended, for at least seven consecutive days, due to a declaration of a state of emergency by the governor, a local official or for any other reason, each incarcerated individual in a correctional facility shall be allowed and shall receive, in addition to any other privilege:

(a) seven free stamps per week;

(b) two free secure messages per week via electronic tablet; and

(c) two free phone calls per week.

2. The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth 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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