STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

March 6, 2026

Introduced by M. of A. GIBBS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Correction

AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to providing body-worn cameras to certain individuals visiting correctional facilities

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 146 of the correction law, as amended by chapter 274 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

1. **a.** The following persons shall be authorized to visit at pleasure all correctional facilities: The governor and lieutenant-governor, commissioner of general services, secretary of state, comptroller and attorney-general, members of the commission of correction, members of the legislature and their accompanying staff and any employee of the department as requested by the member of the legislature if the member requests to be so accompanied, provided that such request does not impact upon the department's ability to supervise, manage and control its facilities as determined by the commissioner, judges of the court of appeals, supreme court and county judges, district attorneys and every clergyman or minister, as such terms are defined in section two of the religious corporations law, having charge of a congregation in the county wherein any such facility is situated. No other person not otherwise authorized by law shall be permitted to enter a correctional facility except by authority of the commissioner of correction under such regulations as the commissioner shall prescribe.

b. The department shall provide to all individuals visiting a correctional facility pursuant to the provisions of this subdivision, a body-worn camera to be worn for the duration of the visit and instruction on how to operate such body-worn camera. A copy of any footage captured on such body-worn camera shall be transmitted to the individual wearing the camera, or their designee, within twenty-four hours of the end of their visit.

§ 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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