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Introduced by M. of A. WEPRIN, SHRESTHA, EPSTEIN, ANDERSON, COOK, SIMONE, SAYEGH, ALVAREZ, JACOBSON, ZACCARO, STECK, GONZALEZ-ROJAS, RAGA, KELLES, SIMON, BORES, MEEKS, LEVENBERG, DAVILA, GIBBS, REYES, MAMDANI, TAPIA, SHIMSKY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Correction

AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to who may visit local correctional facilities

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

1 Section 1. Section 500-j of the correction law, as amended by chapter
2 291 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:
3 § 500-j. Who may visit local correctional facilities. The following
4 persons may visit at pleasure all local correctional facilities: The
5 governor and lieutenant-governor, secretary of state, comptroller and
6 attorney-general, members of the legislature and their accompanying
7 staff as requested by the member of the legislature if the member
8 requests to be so accompanied, members of the elected legislative body
9 of the county in which the local correctional facility is located and
10 their accompanying staff as requested by the member of such legislative
11 body if the member requests to be so accompanied, in the city of New
12 York, members of the city council and their accompanying staff as
13 requested by the city council member if the council member requests to
14 be so accompanied, provided that such request does not impact upon the
15 local correctional facility's ability to supervise, manage and control
16 its facilities as determined by the sheriff of the county, or in the
17 counties within the city of New York, the commissioner of correction of
18 such city, or in the county of Westchester, the commissioner of
19 correction of such county, judges of the court of appeals, justices of
20 the supreme court and county judges, district attorneys and every cler-
21 gyman or minister, as such terms are defined in section two of the reli-
22 gious corporations law, having charge of a congregation in the county in

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

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1 which such facility is located. No other person not otherwise authorized
2 by law shall be permitted to enter the rooms of a local correctional
3 facility in which convicts are confined, unless under such regulations
4 as the sheriff of the county, or in counties within the city of New
5 York, the commissioner of correction of such city, or in the county of
6 Westchester, the commissioner of correction of such county shall
7 prescribe.

8 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.