STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

February 14, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. JACKSON, GONZALEZ-ROJAS, EPSTEIN, SIMON, CHANDLER-WATERMAN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to providing vocational training to incarcerated individuals on the installation of solar hot water systems for the provision of hot water to correctional facilities

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

Section 1. Subdivision 4 of section 137 of the correction law, as amended by chapter 322 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

4. Whenever there shall be a sufficient number of cells or rooms in a correctional facility, each incarcerated individual shall be given sleeping accommodations in a separate cell or room, provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be construed so as to limit the right of the department to utilize dormitory-type accommodations where necessary or where appropriate to a program of treatment. **To the extent practicable, such cells, rooms and dormitories shall be plumbed to provide incarcerated individuals hot water.**

§ 2. Subdivision 2 of section 171 of the correction law, as amended by chapter 364 of the laws of 1983, is amended to read as follows:

2. Such labor shall be either for the purpose of the production of supplies for said institutions, or for the state, or any political subdivision thereof, or for any public institution owned or managed and controlled by the state, or any political subdivision thereof; or for the purpose of industrial training and instruction, or partly for one, and partly for the other of such purposes. **Where practicable, incarcerated individuals shall be provided vocational training to install solar hot water systems to provide hot water to cells, rooms and dormitories**

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

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lacking in such amenity pursuant to subdivision four of section one hundred thirty-seven of this chapter.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.